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Re: <u>Application Acknowledgement for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's Quarry Permit Application for the "Durban and Padloping Islands Remediation" project</u>

Dear Stephen Hooey:

On May 22, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for additional quarry permits related to the previously issued AANDC Land Use Permit N2012X0011 in support of the ongoing AANDC Contaminated Sites' "Durban and Padloping Islands Remediation" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 12UN011) was received by the NIRB from AANDC on March 16, 2012 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On April 30, 2012 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Project components/activities included the following:

- Remediation of the former Intermediate Distant Early Warning Line site (FOX-E) on Durban Island and the former weather station and settlement area on Padloping Island;
- Utilization of a total crew of fifty (50) at both sites;
- Mobilize equipment and supplies to the sites via sealift and helicopter;
- Construct a main camp on Durban Island and a secondary camp on Padloping Island;
- Construct a sewage lagoon at both sites;
- Excavate borrow materials for road construction and site grading;

- Upgrade site access roads on Durban and Padloping Islands;
- Package and stockpile hazardous and non-hazardous waste for removal via sealift to licensed disposal facilities in the South;
- Removal of the remains of two barges near the shoreline on Padloping Island;
- Construct hydrocarbon treatment landfarm facilities on Durban and Padloping Islands;
- Demobilize equipment and infrastructure from both sites including removal of all stockpiled material;
- Utilize a total of 200,000 litres (L) each of diesel fuel and aviation fuel, 50,000 L of gasoline, and 2,000 pounds of propane; and
- All waste generated during the proposed project would be disposed of at approved sites. Sewage and grey water would be disposed of at the sewage lagoons to be constructed on site.

The activities and components associated with the previous August 23, 2012 permit application included:

Increased amount of borrow material (up to 35,000 cubic metres)

Amendment-

AANDC Contaminated Sites is proposing to amend their Land Use Permit (N2012X0011) to include the following additional components/activities:

- Two additional borrow sites on Padloping Island
- Increased amount of borrow material (up to 151,700 cubic metres)

The NIRB has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project.

The AANDC application and the original NIRB screening file, 12UN011 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link: http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2012/12UN011-AANDC-Durban%20Padloping%20Islands-Remediation%20Project/

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project."

The NIRB is of the opinion that the Quarry Permit application is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to

re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached April 30, 2012 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 17, 2013**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the inclusion of the additionally proposed component(s) and/or activity(ies) would significantly modify the project;
- Any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- Any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly at <u>tbolt@nirb.ca</u> or by phone (867) 983-4603.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 12UN011 (April 30, 2012)