



NIRB File No.: EX-53

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Honourable Charles Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
c/o Jeff Holwell  
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Iqaluit, NU

Via email: [holwellj@inac.gc.ca](mailto:holwellj@inac.gc.ca)

**Re: Application Exempt from Screening: Defence Construction Canada – FOX-4 DEW Line Project**

Dear Jeff Holwell:

On July 24, 2007, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for Defence Construction Canada – FOX-4 DEW Line Project. Attached to the NPC conformity was a Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Class B Water License Application. On August 30, 2007, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) advised the NIRB that there was no active land use permit or application for the above mentioned project. Be advised that this project proposal is exempt from screening as per Schedule 12-1 (1) and 12-1 (5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) which state:

Schedule 12-1 (1):

*“Land use activities not requiring a permit or authorization from the Government of Canada or Territorial Government”.*

Schedule 12-1 (5):

*“Water uses that do not require a public hearing under under Section 13.7.3.”*

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at [lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca) or 867-983-4611.

Yours truly,

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