



NIRB File No.: 09DN024  
INAC File No.: N2009X0007

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Defence Construction Canada's "PIN-3 Lady Franklin Point Long Range Radar Reconstruction" project**

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On May 13, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2009X0007 for Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) "PIN-3 Lady Franklin Point Long Range Radar Reconstruction" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 09DN024) was received by the NIRB from INAC on March 27, 2009 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On May 11, 2009 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (09DN024) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2009/>.

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 09DN024), the "PIN-3 Lady Franklin Point Long Range Radar Reconstruction" project was located within the Kitikmeot region at the pre-existing PIN-3 Long Range Radar Station, approximately 115 kilometres (km) from Kugluktuk. The Proponent indicated that it intended to rebuild fire damaged structures and update site equipment to meet current codes.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Repairs to pre-existing structures;
- Removal and replacement of out dated vehicle refuelling station;
- Construction of new cribbing for existing double-walled fuel storage tanks to be relocated;
- Connection of above ground lines and above ground cabling for power and communications equipment;
- Reconstruction and furnishing of:
  - new radar tower,
  - communications shelter,
  - accommodation and utility building trains,
  - two independent power plants,
  - associated infrastructure;
- Approximately same layout as previous structures constructed in the 1950's and 1980's
- Transportation includes:
  - minimum 1 barge (from Hay River) of large equipment and building materials using existing beaching area;
  - aircraft of workers and small equipment using site's existing airstrip;
  - All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) site travel;
- Construction of temporary camp (sleeping quarters, kitchen area, common room area, incinerator, generator, sewage disposal system, and water treatment and supply system from local supply lake) to accommodate approximately 30 workers.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

DCC is proposing to extend its land use permit as the project is still in the design phase and may not move into the construction phase until 2014.

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.”*

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original May 11, 2009 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Arko, Assistant Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Autut', enclosed within a light gray rectangular border.

Stephanie Autut  
Executive Director

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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 09DN024 (May 11, 2009)