

May 2, 2012

Natalie Plato Director, Contaminated Sites Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada P.O. Box 2200 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Via email: Natalie.plato@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca

Re: <u>Application Pending Referral from an Authorizing Agency for AANDC-</u> Contaminated Sites Division "Hope Lake Remediation" project proposal

Dear Natalie Plato:

On April 27, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)-Contaminated Sites Division "Hope Lake Remediation" project proposal. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- Hope Lake Executive Summary 2012 Field Season in English, Inuinnaqtun & Inuktitut
- NIRB Part 1 form in English, Inuinnagtun & Inuktitut
- NIRB Part 2 form in English

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will screen the project proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Natasha Lear, Environmental Administrator, at 867-983-4612 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Natasha Lear Environmental Administrator Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Stanley Anablak, Kitikmeot Inuit Association

Jeff Mercer, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada