

NOTICE OF INDICATION NIRB FILE NO.: 12DN040

AANDC File No.: N2012X0027 KIA Exemption No.: KTX12X011

December 11, 2012

Jeff Mercer Manager, Land Administration Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Via email: jeff.mercer@aandc.gc.ca and landsmining@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for AANDC-Contaminated Sites Division's "Hope Lake Remediation Project" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot Region, 12DN040

Dear Jeff Mercer:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) for AANDC-Contaminated Sites Division's "Hope Lake Remediation Project" in the Kitikmeot Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4** (a) which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 12DN040, signed on December 11, 2012 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, NU has been issued to AANDC and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of AANDC's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AANDC send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to

complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Derek Ehaloak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4610 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Derek Ehaloak

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Environmental Administrator

cc: Natalie Plato, AANDC

Tracey McCaie, AANDC

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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 12DN040)