



NIRB File No.: 06DN029  
INAC File No.: N2006X0009

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:  
Defence Construction Canada's "CAM-1, Jenny Lind Island DEW Line Clean-up"  
project**

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On July 5, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AANDC, formerly INAC) for an extension to Land Use Permit N2006X0009 for Defence Construction Canada's (DCC) "CAM-1, Jenny Lind Island DEW Line Clean-up" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 06DN029) was received by the NIRB from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) on March 31, 2006, and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 31, 2006 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On May 25, 2007, November 14, 2007 and again on July 15, 2008, the NIRB received separate applications for quarry permits from INAC associated with the above mentioned project. After assessing the proposed quarrying activities associated with each of the separate applications, the NIRB determined that each of them was exempt from further screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on May 31, 2007, November 20, 2007, and August 13, 2008, respectively.

Furthermore, on December 30, 2008 the NIRB received an application to extend the INAC Land Use Permit associated with the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening

as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report January 13, 2009.

On January 16, 2009 the NIRB received a quarry permit application from INAC associated with the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the proposed activities, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on January 16, 2009.

On July 16, 2010 the NIRB received an application for an extension to Land Use Permit N2006X0009 from INAC for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on July 16, 2010.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (06DN029) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2006/06DN029-DCC-CAM-1/>.

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB under File No. 06DN029, the "CAM-1 Jenny Lind Island DEW Line Clean-up" project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 130 kilometres (km) southeast from Cambridge Bay. The Proponent indicated that it intended to remediate and/or clean-up previous works that occurred as a result of the operation of the former DEW Line site.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Demolition of existing facilities no longer required;
- Excavation and properly disposal of contaminated soils in on-site engineered landfills and/or off-site facilities if characterized as hazardous;
- Collection and disposal of scattered surface debris and partially buried debris on-site;
- Construction of a new landfill to contain non-hazardous contaminated soil and demolition waste generated during clean-up;
- Remediation of existing landfills as required; and
- Restoration disturbed areas to a stable condition and shaped areas to match the existing terrain.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

Defence Construction Canada has applied with AANDC for an extension to Land Use Permit N2006X0009 to facilitate continued remediation efforts as part of the "CAM-1 Jenny Lind Island DEW Line Clean-up" project.

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 July 31, 2006 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Hanson, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4615 or [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 06DN029 (July 31, 2006)