



NIRB File No.: 07DN066  
INAC File No.: N2007X0035

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Defence Construction Canada's "Dew Line Site Clean-up FOX-2, Longstaff Bluff" project**

Dear Mr. Mercer:

On September 22, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was forwarded an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to Land Use Permit #N2007X0035 for Defence Construction Canada's "Dew Line Site Clean-up FOX-2, Longstaff Bluff" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08DN066) was received by the NIRB from INAC on September 4, 2007 and was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On October 19, 2007 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Previously on September 15, 2009 the NIRB received an extension application from INAC for Land Use Permit #N2007X0035 in support of this project. Following a preliminary review, the NIRB confirmed that the application was exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on September 22, 2009.

The current and previous INAC extension applications, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (07DN066) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2007/07DN066-DCC%20-%20FOX-2/>

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 07DN066), the “Dew Line Site Clean-up FOX-2, Longstaff Bluff” project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region, approximately 245 kilometres (km) from the community of Hall Beach. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct the site cleanup operation each year during the summer field season (June to October) from 2008 to 2012.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Construction and operation of temporary and seasonal camp
- Demolition of existing facilities
- Remediation of the existing landfills
- Construction of two new landfills
- Excavation of contaminated soils
- Removal of surface debris around the site
- Land farming operation
- Grading and restoration of the site

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Defence Construction Canada is proposing to extend its Land Use Permit N2007X0035 for a period of one year.

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 October 19, 2007 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Li Wan, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4606 or [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 07DN066 (October 19, 2007)