



NIRB File No. 07DN027

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**Re: Application acknowledgement for INAC's quarry permit request with Community and Government Services for its "Cape Christian Site Remediation" project**

Dear Natalie Plato:

On August 3, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was forwarded quarry permit applications from the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government services (GN-CGS) in support of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's (INAC) "Cape Christian Site Remediation" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No. 07DN027) was received by the NIRB from GN-CGS on April 16, 2007 and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 7, 2007 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of CGS indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions. Project components/activities included the following:

- Mobilization of equipment, materials and personnel to site in two stages:
  - Mobilization to Clyde River during summer 2007
  - Mobilization to Cape Christian by January 2008
- Enhancement of site access routes – from Clyde River to Cape Christian
- River / stream / lake crossing or work / bridge
- Camp set up and operation
- Sewage or grey water disposal via sump
- Solid waste disposal
- Hazardous material removal
- Temporary storage on site for hazardous materials, equipment and fuels
- Building and infrastructure demolition
- Debris consolidation and disposal
- Excavation and relocation of PHC contaminated soils to the land farm cell
- Excavation and removal of metals and PCB contaminated soils from site
- Quarrying of gravel and overburden materials
- Landfill construction and closure
- Land farm cell construction and decommissioning (after soil is remediated to INAC protocol standards)
- Site grading
- Site roads improvement
- Airstrip improvement (if required)

- Sealift landing site (if required)
- Demobilization of equipment, materials/wastes and personnel in two stages:
  - Demobilization to Clyde River during the winter of 2009
  - Transportation by sealift from Clyde River to South during the summer of 2009
- Site monitoring (post remediation)

INAC is currently applying for new quarry permits for 7 previously approved sites, as well as for 3 new sites, to facilitate continued remediation efforts at the Cape Christian site. The quarry permit applications, supporting information, and the original NIRB screening file, 07DN027 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/>.

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.”*

Quarrying activities were included within the scope of the previous screening for 07DN027; therefore, NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the new quarry permits is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. The NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached June 7, 2007 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The Board is copying interested parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **August 12, 2009**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca) or by phone (867) 983-4608.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 07DN027 (June 7, 2007)  
Comment Forms