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Honourable Lorne Kusugak  
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Government of Nunavut

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: GN-CGS Quarry Permit for INAC's "Cape Christian Site Remediation" project**

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Dear Ken Wasylyshen:

On July 29, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application for a quarry permit amendment and extension from the Government of Nunavut department of 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 was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 7, 2007 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of GN-CGS indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current GN-CGS application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (07DN027) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: [http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007\\_SCREENINGS/07DN027-INAC%20-%20Cape%20Christian/1-SCREENING/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07DN027-INAC%20-%20Cape%20Christian/1-SCREENING/)

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 07DN027), the “Cape Christian Site Remediation” project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region, approximately 16 kilometres (km) northeast of Clyde River. The Proponent indicated that it intended to remediate the former United States Coast Guard Long Range Navigation (LORAN) Station at Cape Christian that had been operational between 1954 and 1974.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- 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)

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

INAC is proposing to extend the period of authorization for its quarry permit with GN-CGS, and amend the permit to include an additional location:

- Borrow # 15 – which contains 3,500 cubic metres of Type 1 (cobbles and boulders) and Type 3 (sand and/or gravel) for site remediation purposes.

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.”*

On August 5, 2010 NIRB distributed the current amendment and extension request to a regional distribution list, requesting submission of any comments or concerns related to the application by August 13, 2010. The following is a summary of comment received from Environment Canada (EC) and Government of Nunavut department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (GN-CLEY) regarding the proposed amendment and extension:

**EC**

- No comments at this time regarding this amendment and extension request. Comments and recommendations made by EC on May 18, 2007 still apply.

**GN-CLEY**

- The department does not object to the application and reminds the Proponent that there is one known archaeological site within the borrow site parameters previously identified by FMA Heritage Resources Canada. Accordingly the Proponent must understand that it is their responsibility to ensure that this site is not disturbed in the course of activities.

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application as well as the comments received from interested parties, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed amendment and extension to the quarry permit 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 further 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 June 7, 2007 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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