

January 18, 2007

Minister of INAC NIRB: 05DN122
INAC: N2005X0038

c/o Arlene Brett-Miles, INAC, Iqaluit Via email: <u>Brettmiles A@inac-ainc.gc.ca</u>

Re: <u>Application Exempt from Screening: Quarry Permit Application (CAM-5 Mackar Inlet Baffin) – Defence Construction Canada</u>

Dear Ms. Brett-Miles:

On January 15, 2007, NIRB received an application from UMA Engineering Ltd. for Defence Construction Canada (DCC) for a Quarry Permit Application. NIRB previously screened this project proposal under NIRB File 05DN122 and issued a 12.4.4(a) Screening Decision to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada on January 18, 2006 allowing the project proposal to proceed subject to specific terms and conditions.

Section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) provides for project proposals that have been previously permitted to proceed to be exempt from screening except in certain circumstances:

- "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.

NIRB is advising parties that may have an interest in this application of the Board's intention to exempt this application from screening on the basis that: the application has been previously permitted to proceed; and the exceptions in 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply.

Any party objecting to the proposed screening exemption must advise NIRB in writing of the objection within seven (7) days, January 25, 2007. The objection must identify the component or activity that was not part of the original project proposal, or the activity or component that would significantly modify the project. If no objections are received within seven (7) days, NIRB will advise the Minister of INAC that this application is exempt from screening, but is subject to the terms and conditions found in the January 18, 2006 Screening Decision for the project proposal (attached).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at 867-983-4611 or lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely, (original signed by) Stephanie Briscoe Executive Director

CC: Eva Schulz, UMA Engineering Ltd.

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