



NIRB File No.: 05DN122  
INAC File No.: N2005X0038

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Defence Construction Canada Ltd.'s "Site Remediation, CAM-5 Mackar Inlet, DEW Line Site" project**

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On December 21, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application for a land use permit extension (N2005X0038) from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Defence Construction Canada's "Site Remediation, CAM-5 Mackar Inlet, Distant Early Warning (DEW) Line Site" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 05DN122) was received by the NIRB from INAC on November 7, 2005 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On January 18, 2006 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 the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The NIRB has assessed this file after the original screening took place (list following). In each case, after a thorough assessment of the requests, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the January 18, 2006 screening decision.

<b>Application type</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Amendment to INAC Land Use Permit for Quarry Permit	November 20, 2007
Extension to INAC Land Use Permit	January 12, 2009
Amendment to INAC Land Use Permit for Quarry Permit	January 16, 2009
Extension to INAC Land Use Permit	November 9, 2009

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (05DN122) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2005/05DN122-DCC-CAM-5/>

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 05DN122), the "Site Remediation, CAM-5 Mackar Inlet, DEW Line Site" project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region, approximately 150 kilometres (km) east of Hall Beach. The Proponent indicated that it intended to provide remedy for previous activities that occurred as a result of the operation of the former DEW line site.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Site accessed via fixed wing aircraft;
- Construction of a camp;
- Sewage from the camp treated and discharged;
- Required heavy equipment travel overland from Hall Beach;
- Demolition and removal of existing facilities;
- Existing roads on site for travel;
- Segregation of wastes (from demolition and surface items) into hazardous and non-hazardous materials to be disposed of appropriately;
- Consolidation of barrels with contents, these contents to be either incinerated or shipped to approved facility for disposal;
- Empty barrels to be crushed and transported to an approved facility;
- Construction of a landfarm for the treatment of hydrocarbon contaminated soil;
- Disposal of all hazardous materials and soil at an off-site licensed disposal facility;
- Remediation of existing landfills;
- Disturbed areas will be restored to a stable condition;
- Development of borrow sites;
- Fuel (diesel, gas and jet fuel) and propane stored on-site within a containment area; and
- Long-term monitoring (25 years) at reclaimed landfill sites.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

Defence Construction Canada is proposing to extend its Land Use Permit (N2005X0038) for an additional year to allow for the completion of the work at the CAM-5 DEW Line site.

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 January 18, 2006 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,

*(original signed by:)*

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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: NIRB File 05DN112 (January 18, 2006)