



NIRB File No.: 10DN057
INAC File No.: N2010X0024

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Via email: ndavis@biogenie-env.com

Re: Application Acknowledgement and Commet Request for Biogenie's Amendment and Extension Request with INAC for the "CAM-5, Mackar Inlet – Site Demobilization" project

Dear Nancy Davis:

On March 24, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment and extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2010X0024 for Biogenie's "CAM-5, Mackar Inlet – Site Demobilization" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 10DN057) was received by the NIRB from INAC on December 9, 2010 and was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On February 9, 2011 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.

Project components/activities included the following:

- Transport a 35-man crew between Hall Beach and Mackar Inlet via air using a twin otter aircraft equipped with skis and via land using snowmobiles;
- Install two (2) temporary survival trailers made of 20 foot shipping containers; one at a location 60 km east of CAM-5 DEW Line, and the other at a location 50 km west of CAM-F (Scarpa Lake) to serve as relay points for radio communications;
- Use snowmobiles to evaluate and validate an overland route between the DEW Line site in Mackar Inlet and Hall Beach for the transportation of demobilized material, and for scouting and communication;
- Place demobilized equipment, camp, and containerized contaminated soils on sleighs and transport them using track tractors and bulldozers via an overland route from Mackar Inlet to Hall Beach (approximately 220 km);

- Store demobilized material at a staging area in Hall Beach and sealifting them to an approved disposal site in the South;
- Utilize 200,000 litres (L) of diesel fuel and 4,000 L of gasoline from existing fuel storage at Hall Beach;
- No permanent structures would be erected on site for this proposed project as crew would be housed at an existing camp on CAM-5 site;
- Waste would be disposed of at approved sites; garbage would be incinerated at Hall Beach and the CAM-5 site in Mackar Inlet, sewage and grey water would be disposed of at approved locations including the sewage lagoon management system in Hall Beach.

-Amendment-

Biogenie is proposing to amend its INAC Land Use Permit N2010X0024 to include the following additional components/activities:

- Transport heavy equipment to Roche Bay for temporary storage, instead of Hall Beach as originally proposed, to reduce moving distance by approximately 40 kilometres and allow access to a deeper water port for sealift shipping;
- Create a new laydown area at Roche Bay for temporary storage of material;
- Continue to transport some items to Hall Beach including containerized contaminated soil;
- Extend the period of authorization until March 2013 to ensure that there is ample time to transport all materials.

The NIRB has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project.

The INAC application and the original NIRB screening file, 10DN057 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/>.

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.”

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment and extension is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached February 9, 2011 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 18, 2011**.

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 directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Tara Arko, Assistant Technical Advisor, at tarko@nirb.ca or by phone 867-983-4611.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 10DN057 (February 9, 2011)