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Sent via email: dele.morakinyo@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's "Nottingham Island Site Remediation Project" proposal

Dear Dele Morakinyo:

On August 12, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada-Contaminated Sites Division's (AANDC-Contaminated Sites) "Nottingham Island Site Remediation Project" proposal from AANDC-Lands Division. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 13DN033 – please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The project is located on Nottingham Island in the South Baffin region of Nunavut, approximately 140 kilometres (km) southwest from the community of Cape Dorset and approximately 80 km north from the community of Ivujivik, Northern Quebec. Nottingham Island is within the Nunavut Settlement Area, but also falls within a zone of equal use and occupancy between the Inuit of Nunavut and the Inuit of Northern Quebec (Nunavik). The objective of the program is to remediate the former Nottingham Island weather/radio station (Cape Dorset No. 2) built in 1927 and decommissioned in 1970. The program is proposed to take place from June 2014 to October 2016 followed by long-term post-remediation monitoring, if required, from summer 2017 and continue as required.

The project activities include:

- Use of previous beach landing area (sealift landing) to bring in required equipment and material needed for remediation work by barge and to ship out materials from remediation work;
- Use of helicopter and/or boat to bring in personnel and regular supplies;

- Setup of temporary camp and other facilities for up to 30 people to support remediation work program;
- Transportation, storage and use of fuel;
- Use of water for domestic purposes;
- Construction, use and decommissioning of temporary lagoon for treatment and disposal of site sewage and greywater wastes;
- Remediation of site as follows:
 - Demolition of buildings and infrastructure;
 - Debris consolidation and disposal;
 - Controlled burning of non-hazardous wood waste and removal of ashes to an approved off-site landfill facility;
 - Incineration of combustible wastes and removal of ashes to an approved off-site landfill facility;
 - Removal of organic liquid waste to an approved off-site facility for disposal;
 - Removal of hazardous, non-hazardous (except wood waste) and non-combustible wastes to an approved southern facility;
 - Excavation and removal of PHC (petroleum hydrocarbon) contaminated soil to an approved southern facility;
 - Excavation and removal of metal impacted and PHC impacted contaminated soil to an approved southern facility;
 - Site re-grading;
- Upgrading of access routes and site routes that would be required to support large equipment for remediation activities;
- Quarrying of gravel and overburden materials to access aggregate material; and
- Use of contractors and local services or employees from closest northern communities within Nunavut and Nunavik.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/13DN033-AANDC-Nottingham%20Island%20Remediation/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English, Inuktitut (Nunavut and Nunavik), and French*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut (Nunavut and Nunavik), and French*
- *Site Maps*
- *Project Schedule*
- *AANDC Land Use Permit Application*
- *Nunavut Water Board - Water Licence Application and Questionnaire*
- *Environmental Assessment, Proposed Remediation of Nottingham Island Report*
- *Phase III Environmental Site Assessment Report*
- *Remedial Action Plan Report*
- *Fuel and Hazardous Material Spill Contingency Plan*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by AANDC-Contaminated Sites' project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **September 24, 2013**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)