



NIRB File No.: 07CN007
INAC No.: N2007X0006

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Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
c/o Spencer Dewar, Manager Land Administration
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Via email: Spencer.Dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Application Exempt from Screening for INAC's "Roberts Bay and Ida Bay Site Remediation" Project Proposal

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On February 2, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for INAC - Contaminated Sites Division's "Roberts Bay and Ida Bay Site Remediation" project proposal. The application is for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit #N2007X0006, and a new Quarry Permit to continue previously-screened quarry activities permitted under Quarry Permit 2009QP0059-0065.

The original applications for this project were received by NIRB on February 5, 2007 from INAC and on March 9, 2007 from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA). This project proposal was assigned NIRB File No. 07CN007 and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On March 20, 2007 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to INAC and KIA, allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On February 12, 2009 the NIRB received an application from INAC for an extension to this Land Use Permit (INAC No.: N2007X0006) and a Quarry Permit associated with the project. After a thorough assessment of the project proposal, the NIRB indicated that the application was exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and the NIRB reissued the original March 20, 2007 Screening Decision.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB screening file and Screening Decision (NIRB File No.: 07CN007) are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07CN007-INAC_Roberts_Bay_and_Ida_Bay/

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, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from INAC does not change the 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 March 20, 2007 Screening Decision Report.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan, at (867) 983-4606 or lwan@nirb.ca.

Best regards,



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Attachment: NIRB Screening Report Decision, File No. 07CN007 (March 20, 2007)