

**NIRB File No. 08EN034**  
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Via email: [riccote49@gmail.com](mailto:riccote49@gmail.com)

**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Savant Explorations Ltd.’s “Retort Lake – Yava Property Mining Exploration” project proposal**

Dear Richard Cote:

On March 28, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Savant Explorations Ltd.'s (Savant's) "Retort Lake – Yava Property Mining Exploration" project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **08EN034**.

Following a preliminary completeness check of this project proposal, on April 4, 2008 the NIRB requested additional information from Savant, to be submitted by April 25, 2008. The NIRB received the requested information on April 21, 2008.

Exploration activities conducted by Pacifica Resources Ltd. on the Yava property were previously screened by the NIRB in 2005 under NIRB File No. **05EN027**. The proposed project is located in the Kitikmeot Region, approximately 125 km SSW of the community of Kingoak (Bathurst Inlet). Savant proposes to conduct exploration activities from June 15 to September 5, 2008 and from June 1 to May 31, 2009.

The proposed project activities include:

- Establish a 12 person, 9 wall tent temporary exploration camp
- Temporary pier construction for docking of float plane
- Diamond drilling program with 10+ targets (2000-2500 m total)
- Helicopter support for drill rig and personnel movements
- Fuel storage at camp site

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/08EN034-Savant%20Explorations%20Ltd/1-SCREENING/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB PSIR Form in English*
- *Maps*

- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuinnaqtun*
- *INAC Class A Land Use Permit Application*

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

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by Savant's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 16, 2008**.

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 attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette by email at [lpayette@nirb.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.ca) or via fax at (867) 983-2594

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

*(original signed by:)*

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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