



NIRB File No.: 08YN085
INAC File No.: N2009J0001

May 25, 2010

Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
c/o Spencer Dewar, Manager Land Administration
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: Spencer.Dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Application exempt from NIRB Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Mary Sanborn-Barrie's Land Use Permit amendment request with INAC for the
"Cumberland Peninsula Integrated Geoscience" project

Dear Mr. Dewar:

On May 17, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) was forwarded an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to Land Use Permit N2009J0001 in support of Mary Sanborn-Barrie's "Cumberland Peninsula Integrated Geoscience" project. This amendment involves a relocation of the original campsite within the original project area.

Please be advised that the original "Cumberland Peninsula Integrated Geoscience" project proposal was received by the NIRB on December 15, 2008 from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI), and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On January 29, 2009 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister responsible for NRI and the Minister of INAC, allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions in the enclosed Screening Decision Report.

On March 12, 2009 the NIRB was also forwarded an application for Access to Inuit Owned Lands from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) in support of this project. The NIRB confirmed that the proposed activities had previously been screened and were exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the January 29, 2009 Screening Decision to the President of the QIA.

The current INAC application and the original file information (NIRB: 08YN085) are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2009_SCREENINGS/08YN085-Mary%20Sanborn%20Barrie/.

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 January 29, 2009 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

Please be advised that this screening exemption decision made by the NIRB pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of NLCA is also applicable to amendment application to the QIA Land Use Licence pertaining to “Cumberland Peninsula Integrated Geoscience” project.

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

Best regards,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 08YN085 (January 29, 2009)