



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 09YN013**

NRI File No. 0503309N-M

June 18, 2009

Mosha Cote
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Via email: mcote@nac.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Joyia Chakungal's Amendment Request with the Nunavut Research Institute for the "Melville Peninsula Geo-Mapping (GEM)" Project Proposal, NIRB File No. 09YN013

Dear Mosha Cote:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Daniel Shewchuk, Minister of Environment, Government of Nunavut, responsible for the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) for Joyia Chakungal's amendment request with the NRI for the "Melville Peninsula Geo-Mapping (GEM)" project proposal in the Kivalliq and Qikiqtani Regions.

NIRB has assessed this Project Proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File Number 09YN013, signed on June 18, 2009 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to NRI and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

NIRB is aware of NRI's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that NRI send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject Project Proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at 867-983-4605 or lpayette@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Leslie Payette
Manager of Environmental Administration

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Daniel Shewchuck, Minister of Environment
Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB
Spencer Dewar, INAC
Joyia Chakungal, NRCan