



NIRB File No.: 07YN033

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Via email: [duutting@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:duutting@nrcan.gc.ca)

**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Dan Utting's North Baffin Island Surficial Geology Studies Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Utting:

On April 4, 2007, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for your North Baffin Island Surficial Geology Studies project proposal. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 07YN033.

This project is located in the North Baffin Region. Your proposal includes three camp sites, and seven additional research sites. Three of these sites lie along the northeast coast of Baffin Island between Bylot Island and the Clyde foreland. The other four research sites are located on Bylot Island, within Sirmilik National Park. The nearest communities are Pond Inlet and Clyde River.

Some of the scheduled research sites and air traffic associated with this project will be situated within the habitat of the Ivory Gull, which has been identified as a Schedule 1 Species at Risk. The three campsites used throughout the project are not located within any specific sensitive areas.

The project activities include:

- Daily transportation to and from Pond Inlet to research sites via helicopter (first 10 days in field);
- Camping at three different fly camps (for the following 10 days in field);
- A maximum of three people staying in camp for 2-3 consecutive nights;
- Camps to be decommissioned and moved via helicopter upon relocation of campsite;
- Sampling of glacial material.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at [http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\\_SCREENINGS/07YN033-Dan\\_Utting/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/07YN033-Dan_Utting/) including:

- *NRI Scientific Research Licence Application including:*
  - *Map*
  - *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
  - *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen this Project Proposal. Attached are a list of possible terms and conditions NIRB may recommend be applied to your project proposal, should the project proceed. The purpose of these is to ensure that any adverse

environmental impacts from project activities are prevented or minimized. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process and will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for Public access.

In addition, I am copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by your project proposal and request that interested persons comment directly to NIRB by **May 2, 2007**.

It is important for Parties to provide comments with respect to:

- 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 feel free to provide any recommended mitigation measures or specific conditions); 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 at [lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Amanda Hanson at 867-983-4605 or [ahanson@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.nunavut.ca).

Sincerely,

*(original signed by:)*

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