



NIRB File No.: 07YN039
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Via email: jchakung@nrcan.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for The Southampton Island Integrated Geoscience Project Proposal

Dear Dr. Chakungal:

On May 3, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for your “Southampton Island Integrated Geoscience” project. The proposal also included an application for a Class A Permit from Indian and Northern Affairs, Canada. The Board has assigned this project proposal file number, 07YN039.

It is noted that your project is located on the eastern and central areas of Southampton Island in the Keewatin Region of Nunavut and that project activities will take place over an area that covers approximately 30,000 km². Your proposal also references a temporary camp for fifteen personnel located approximately 75 km north of the Hamlet of Coral Harbour, along the Mathiassen River. Research activities are planned from June 25 through August 25 inclusive.

Some of the research and air traffic associated with this project will be situated within and near the East Bay Bird Sanctuary which contains significant migratory bird habitat.

The project activities include:

- Daily field work supported by two helicopters.
- Field camp set up along the Mathiassen River.
- Approximately 15 personnel staying in camp.
- Temporary airstrip.
- Camp mobilization via Twin Otter plane.
- Bedrock and surface mapping of the area.
- Aeromagnetic survey of the area.

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/07YN039-Joyia_Chakungal/1-SCREENING/ including:

- *NRI Application Form in English*
- *NRI Summary Application Form in Inuktitut*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*

- *NWB Licence Application*
- *INAC Application*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen the Project Proposal. The Board 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.

In addition, NIRB is copying interested Parties and communities most affected by your project proposal and request that interested persons comment directly to the NIRB by **May 31, 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 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 at 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.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

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Comment Form