



NIRB File No. 09AN049
KIA File No. KVRW08E022

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Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet
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Via email: edo_hamlet@qiniq.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet's "Josephine Lake Road" project proposal

Dear David Kattegatsiak:

On June 4, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet's (the Hamlet) *Josephine Lake Road* project proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA). On June 10, 2009 NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **09AN049** - please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that this project proposal did not contain sufficient information to permit proper screening and, on June 15, 2009, requested more project-specific information be submitted to the Board on or before July 6, 2009. The Board received the required information on July 6, 14 and 15, 2009 and is now ready to proceed with screening this project proposal in accordance with Section 12.4.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

The proposed project involves the construction of an all-season road, extending from the hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet, Kivalliq region, approximately 35 kilometres (km) south to Josephine Lake. The program is proposed to begin in the summer or fall months of 2009 and continue for four months, with project activities continuing the following year. The project schedule is contingent upon funding received and will therefore be determined as funding becomes available.

The project activities include:

- The construction of an (approximately) 35 kilometre (km) all-season road, to continue from an existing road which begins in the hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet, stretching to Josephine Lake;
 - Utilization of heavy equipment including grader, dump truck, loader, and Cat heavy equipment
- Utilization of existing quarry located within the municipality of Chesterfield Inlet as source of granular material for 2009 construction season;
 - Estimated 2,800 cubic metres of material required
- Upgrade/resurface and maintain existing municipal roads;

- Identification of, and access to, future potential gravel sources;
- Road construction has been identified as having the potential to support short and long term economic development opportunities such as:
 - Access to historic sites, and/or establishment of traditional camping grounds
 - Establishment of tourist and commercial fishing sites to be accessible by road
 - Provide business opportunities for vehicle and/or all terrain vehicle rentals
 - Potential road link to mineral exploration site(s) such as Shear Minerals Ltd.
 - Establishment of long-term crushed gravel pit for future economic opportunities

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/09AN049-Hamlet%20of%20Chesterfield%20Inlet%20-%20Josephine%20Lake%20Road/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *Kivalliq Inuit Association Land Use License Application*
- *Maps*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *2009 Project Work Plan*
- *Route Analysis – Executive Summary*
- *Spill Plan*

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

The NIRB is copying interested parties and municipalities most affected by the Hamlet's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 31, 2009**.

The 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 NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at 867-983-4615 or via email at ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Comment Forms