

NIRB File No.: 05EN025 INAC File No.: N2005C0017

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

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

Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Tanqueray Resources Ltd's "Mining Exploration and Campsite" project

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On June 14, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to a Storage Authorization for Tanqueray Resources Ltd's "Mining Exploration and Campsite" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 05EN025) was received by the NIRB from INAC on March 21, 2005. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On May 17, 2005 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC, indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On September 16, 2009 the NIRB received an application for a Storage Authorization from INAC for the above mentioned project proposal. The Storage Authorization was required to permit the continued storage of equipment and fuel previously authorized under Land Use Permit N2005C0017, until such time as these materials could be removed from the site. After a thorough assessment of the information received in support of the application, the NIRB determined that this request did not result in a change to the general scope of the original project activities and re-issued the recommended terms and conditions contained in the May 17, 2005 Screening Decision Report.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 05EN025) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2005_SCREENINGS/05EN025-Tangueray%20Resources%20Ltd/1-SCREENING/

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB under file number 05EN025, Tanqueray Resources Ltd's "Mining Exploration and Campsite" project was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 30 kilometres (km) west/northwest from Baker Lake. The Proponent indicated that it intended to establish camp facilities to conduct a seasonal exploratory diamond drilling program.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Construction of an exploration camp
 - Overland transport of fuel and camp structures during the winter using local operators in Baker Lake
 - o May through late June, 2005
 - o Facilities to accommodate maximum 18 persons
- Ground geophysics program
 - o May through late June, 2005
- Exploratory diamond drilling
 - o Mid-August through September
- Temporary camp closure
 - o Mid-September through March
- Helicopter use for transport of personnel and drilling program activities
- On site fuel storage not to exceed:
 - o 150 x 45 gallon barrels jet fuel
 - o 75 x 45 gallon barrels diesel fuel
 - o 40 x 45 gallon barrels stove oil
 - o 15 x 100 lb bottles propane

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Tanqueray Resources Ltd is currently proposing to extend its INAC Storage Authorization for a period of one year while it seeks to obtain financing required for additional exploration work.

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."

On June 16, 2010 the NIRB requested clarification from the Proponent regarding the anticipated period of required storage and future exploration plans for the project, as well as an updated Abandonment and Restoration Plan. In its response to NIRB, the Proponent provided an updated Abandonment and Restoration Plan and indicated that no work was conducted on the property in 2009 and no work is being planned for the 2010 season due to a lack of funding.

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general 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 May 17, 2005 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

The NIRB also respectfully recommends that INAC ensure the Proponent fully implements its Abandonment and Restoration Plan prior to the expiry of its Storage Authorization, should exploration activities not be re-commenced for the project.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Best regards,

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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 05EN025 (May 17, 2005)