



**NOTICE OF INDICATION FOR
12.10.2(b) DETERMINATION REPORT
NIRB FILE NO.: 12MN001**

NWB File No.: 2BB-MAE----

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To:

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Re: Notice of Indication for TMAC Resources Inc.'s "Madrid Advanced Exploration Program" NLCA 12.10.2(b) Application, NIRB File No. 12MN001

Dear Sirs and Madam:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) 12.10.2(b) Determination Report to the Honourable Minister Carolyn Bennett, to President Stanley Anablak, and Chairperson Thomas Kabloona, for TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC) "Madrid Advanced Exploration Program" application in the Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut.

The Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), Section 12.10.2 states the following:

12.10.2 "Notwithstanding Section 12.10.1, where a project proposal has been referred for review pursuant to Part 5 or 6, approvals or licences for exploration or development activities related to that project may be issued if

(a) the activity falls within Schedule 12-1; or

(b) the activity can, in the judgement of NIRB, proceed without such a review.”

The NIRB has assessed TMAC’s application for the “Madrid Advanced Exploration Program” to be allowed as an exception from the NIRB’s Review of the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project proposal (12MN001). In assessing the application, the NIRB considered potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts and further took into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities.

The enclosed report signed on June 24, 2016 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, NU has been issued to Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and the Nunavut Water Board and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent through licences, authorizations and relevant legislation.

The NIRB is aware of the authority of each of the aforementioned government departments and Inuit organization to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed 12.10.2(b) Determination Report. As such, the NIRB requests that those agencies responsible for issuing authorizations for the “Madrid Advanced Exploration Program” application send a hardcopy of the permit or licence with the NIRB’s file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office in order to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the project proposal be sent to the NIRB.

Please be advised that the enclosed determination applies only to the exploration and/or development activities as described within the “Madrid Advanced Exploration Program” application and is subject to the implementation of the Board’s recommendations as described within the report.

Should you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact me directly by telephone at (867) 983-4611 or by email at tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt Distribution List

Enclosure: NIRB 12.10.2(b) Determination Report (NIRB File No.: 12MN001)