

is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **November 13, 2015**.

It is in AEM's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner. Pursuant to paragraph 92(3)(b) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the ability of the Board to conduct its screening and provide a screening decision report to the responsible Minister(s) within the prescribed timeline may be directly impacted by any outstanding required information. Failure to address the deficiencies before the NIRB resumes the screening process may result in a suspension of the Board's assessment activities pursuant to Section 144(2) of the NuPPAA until the information is provided.

If AEM determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than 2 weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please direct all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 857-2052 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: Information Request #: 1

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for AEM's "Amaruq, Meadowbank, White Hills" Project Proposal
pursuant to Section 144(1) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act
NIRB File No. 15EN050

1. Topic/Issue: NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut

Reference: Preamble to the NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form

Rationale: Translated version of the NIRB Part 1 form is required in order to assist unilingual community organizations, members and the public to understand and provide comments on the proposal.

Request: Provide the NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut pursuant to the NIRB requirements.

2. Topic/Issue: Number of Personnel Onsite

Reference: Item 4 of the NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form

Rationale: Information lacking on the total number of personnel to be on site and total number of days on site for the project proposal.

Request: Describe the maximum number of personnel expected on site for the exploration proposal, including the timing for those personnel involved with the project.

3. Topic/Issue: Transportation via Helicopter

Reference: Section 2 of the NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement Form: Submissions and General Project Information Requirements.

Rationale: No information provided on the flight routes to be taken by the helicopter to and from each drill site. Further, information was lacking on the expected flight altitudes and frequency of flights.

Request: Provide a description of expected flight altitudes, frequency of flights and anticipated flight routes to be taken by the helicopter.

4. Topic/Issue: Ground Transportation

Reference: Section 2 of the NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement Form: Submissions and General Project Information Requirements and Section 3-A-3: Winter Road/Trail

Rationale: Information was lacking on the surface preparation on any winter route(s) to be used to access the exploration sites and for the transportation of equipment to each site. Further no map was provided on the routes to be by ground equipment.

Request: Provide information on the preparation of any winter route(s) to be developed to access the exploration site(s) and equipment to be moved during this period. Information should include the following:

- A map showing winter route(s);
- Description of surface preparation, including the use of snow berms or compaction, and any flooding. If flooding is to be used, provide the location of the water source on a map;
- Description of the operating time period;
- Discussion on whether the selected route traverses any fish-bearing water bodies;

- Any permits required from Fisheries and Oceans Canada for the preparation of the winter route(s); and
- Any permits required from the Nunavut Water Board for water sources in the preparation of the winter route(s).

5. Topic/Issue: Spill Contingency Plan

Reference: Section 2 of the NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement Form: General Project Information Requirements - Fuel

Rationale: A reference was made to a Spill Contingency Plan within the NIRB forms, AANDC application and NWB applications; however no plan was attached and is required to complete the screening of this proposal.

Request: Provide the Spill Contingency Plan.

6. Topic/Issue: Waste Management Plan

Reference: Section 2 of the NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement Form: General Project Information Requirements – Waste Water (Grey water, Sewage, Other)

Rationale: No information provided on the storage and disposal of sewage, non-combustible solid waste, hazardous waste or oil, contaminated soils, empty barrels and any other waste produced by the proposal.

Request: Provide a Waste Management Plan.

7. Topic/Issue: Water Quality Monitoring Plan

Reference: Section 2 of the NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement Form: General Project Information Requirements – Water

Rationale: No information provided on the proposed monitoring of the water near the exploration works. Further, information was lacking on the location, capacity and monitoring of the sumps.

Request: Provide details on the monitoring program of potential impacts from exploration works on waterbodies and provide all associated monitoring plans.