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Subject: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Baffinland's Amendment to INAC LUP N2006C0036
Attachments: 071207-07CA070-Notice of Part 4 Screening-OT3E.pdf; 071207-07CA070-Notice of Part 4 Screening-OT3S.pdf; 071207-07CA070-Comment form English-OT3E.doc; 071207-07CA070-Comment form Inuktitut-OT3S.doc

Dear Mr. Chubb:

On December 6, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was forwarded an application by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) from Baffinland Iron Mines Corporation (Baffinland) to amend their INAC Land Use Permit N2006C0036 to include additional activities (listed below). The original Geotechnical and Exploration project proposal (NIRB No.: 07EN004) associated with this Land Use Permit was screened by NIRB in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and given a 12.4.4(a) decision on March 26, 2007. Information related to the previous project proposal can be found on NIRB's ftp site at: ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/COMPLETED_SCREENINGS/2007_SCREENINGS/07EN004-Baffinland_Geotechnical_Program/

The proposed amendment activities are located in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut, and include the following:

1. Extension of the existing Land Use Permit to December 31, 2010
2. Establishment of a new temporary tent camp (Rail Camp) for approximately 40 people part way along a potential future railway alignment
3. Expansion of the originally identified 8-12 person temporary tent camp at a future potential port site at Steensby Inlet to an approximate 40 person temporary tent or trailer camp in 2008
4. An annual sealift to Steensby Inlet for materials and supplies required for camp and drilling operations
5. Increase of number of drills for above-related program work from seven (7) to up to ten (10)
6. Alterations to numbers of drill holes and test pits for above-related program

All documents received and pertaining to these amendment activities can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at: http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/07CA070-Baffinland/1-SCREENING/

After review of the information provided by Baffinland related to the amendment, NIRB has determined that these project activities were **not** included in the Geotechnical and Exploration project proposal (NIRB No.: 07EN004).

Be advised that section 12.4.3(a) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement states:

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...*

Therefore, pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the amendment activities, as defined by the activities outlined above. The NIRB file number for these amendment activities is **07CA070**. The NIRB reserves the right to 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.

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by Baffinland's amendment activities with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **December 21, 2007**.

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 attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or via fax at 867-983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Carolanne Inglis-McQuay at cinglis@nirb.ca or 867-983-4607.

Best regards,

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