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Via email: <u>info@kivalliqenergy.com</u>

Re: <u>Application Acknowledgement for Kivalliq Energy Corporation's Amendment Request with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the "Angilak" project</u>

Dear Mr. Ward:

On January 26, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an amendment to Land Use Permit N2008C0026 previously issued for Kivalliq Energy Corporation's "Angilak" project. The NIRB also received an email on January 25, 2012 from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this application confirming that the amendment request would not require an NPC conformity review, and further, that the terms agreed under the conformity determination made on May 28, 2010 are still in effect.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08EN052) was received by the NIRB from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) on March 27, 2008. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), and on July 31, 2008 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4 (a) screening decision to the Minister of AANDC indicating that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Project components/activities included the following:

- Temporary camp construction (10-14 people)
- Exploration activities prospecting, mapping and geophysical surveys (ground and airborne)
- On land and on-ice exploration drilling (up to 25 drill holes)
- Project supported by helicopter (transportation of field crews and movement of drill)
- Fuel storage and transportation (70 drums diesel, 5 drums gasoline, 100 drums aviation fuel, 10 x 100 lb propane tanks)
- Chemical and hazardous waste storage
- Water use for domestic (camp) purposes and drilling purposes
- Production of wastes

- Incineration of combustible waste
- Use of 'Pacto' toilets and incineration of sewage waste

The activities/components associated with the previous amendments included:

- 2009: change of camp location;
- 2010: add one (1) diamond drill;
- 2011: one year extension to Land Use Permit N2008C0026 to continue:
 - o Exploratory drilling;
 - o Fuel caching; and
 - o Upgrade camp infrastructure.

Amendment

Kivalliq Energy is proposing to amend their Land Use Permit N2008C0026 to include the following additional components/activities:

- Add 2 additional tents to the camp;
- Store up to 4,000 drums of fuel on site (total 820,000 Litres);
- Add 2 additional pieces of large machinery (1 D6CAT and 1 CAT front end loader);
- Clear and maintain an ice airstrip on Nutaaq Lake capable of landing a Hercules aircraft.

The AANDC application and the original NIRB screening file, 08EN052, are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08EN052-Kivalliq%20Energy%20Corporation/

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."

The NIRB has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project. However, the NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore, the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached July 31, 2008 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions that the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and invites interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **February 23, 2012**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments directly to the NIRB at <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Tara Arko at tarko@nirb.ca or by phone 867-983-4611.

Sincerely,

Tara Arko

Technical Advisor

Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Attachment: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08EN052 (July 31, 2008)

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