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Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for De Beers Canada Inc.'s Erichsen Lake Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Boucher:

On May 1, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for DeBeers Canada Inc.'s (DeBeers) 'Erichsen Lake' project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). After a check for technical completeness it was determined that NIRB required additional information from the proponent (De Beers) prior to commencing the Part 4 Screening for the project proposal. On May 14, 2007, NIRB received the additional information from the proponent necessary to commence the Part 4 Screening. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number, 07YN038.

The DeBeers' Erichsen Lake project proposal consists of geoscientific mining exploration and sampling. The proposed project is located at Erichsen Lake, partly in the North Baffin planning region. It is proposed to take place from July 18, 2007 to August 31, 2007.

The project activity includes:

- Temporary camping;
- Permanent fuel storage;
- Use of aircraft /land vehicle;
- Use of on-site mechanized vehicles;
- Sewage or grey water disposal via sump;
- Geoscientific sampling by diamond drilling; and
- Geoscientific sampling by soil sampling

All documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at ftp://nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/DeBeers_Erichsen_Lake/ including:

- *INAC Application*
- *NIRB Part1Form(English)*
- *NIRB Part1Form(Inuktitut)*
- *Non technical project proposal summary in English(Appendix A)*
- *Non technical project proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *Spill Contingency Plan*

- *Emails regarding additional information between DeBeers and NIRB*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the subject Project Proposal. Be advised that, NIRB may 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 the De Beers' Baffin Island project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 24, 2007**.

Comments should be sent to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan at 867-983-4616 or liwan@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,



Li Wan
Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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