



NIRB File No. 11EN024

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Via email: gordmckinnon@gmail.com

Re: Application Acknowledgement for Canadian Orebodies Inc.'s Amendment Request with the Qikiqtani Inuit Association for the "Belcher Island Diamond Drilling Program" Project

Dear Gordon McKinnon:

On March 21, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received three applications from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) for Land Use Licences to support Canadian Orebodies Inc.'s (COBI) ongoing "Belcher Island Diamond Drilling Program" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 11EN024) was received by the NIRB from the Government of Nunavut – Community & Government Services (GN-CGS) on May 5, 2011. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on June 13, 2011 the Board issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Community & Government Services, Government of Nunavut, indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Project components/activities included the following:

- Establish a 30 person camp;
- Ground and air geophysical assessment on Commissioner's Land and Inuit Owned Land;
- Diamond drilling for two (2) years using three (3) drills for a total 30,000 metres drilled;
- Storing 82,000 litres (L) of diesel, 82,000 L of aviation fuel, 2,000 L of gasoline, and 20-100 pound tanks of propane fuel on site;
- Helicopter transport of drilling equipment, crew, and supplies;
- Combustible wastes incinerated on site with non-combustible and hazardous wastes removed for disposal at an approved landfill.

Current Amendment Application

COBI is proposing to continue their exploration activities on the Belcher Islands for a period of two years, until October 2014. In addition, they have indicated the following changes to project components/activities:

- Exploration and drilling conducted on the following new sites:
 - the Haig West area located on Municipal Land,
 - the Wiegand Island area on Inuit Owned Land,
 - the Kugong Island area on Inuit Owned Land, and
 - the Kihl Bay area on Inuit Owned Land; as well as
- Logistical support, including worker accommodations, based out of the community of Sanikiluaq instead of the previously permitted temporary camp.

The QIA applications and the original NIRB screening file, 11EN024 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN024-Canadian%20Orebodies-Gord%20McKinnon/>

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 is of the opinion that the request for the renewal 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 June 13, 2011 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 2, 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 info@nirb.ca 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,



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Attachment: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)
 NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 11EN024