



NIRB File No.: 08EN078
AANDC File No.: N2008C0032
NWB File No.: 2BE-BOR0813

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The Honourable John Duncan
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Via email: jeff.mercer@aandc.gc.ca and landsmine@aandc.ca

**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Indicator Minerals Inc.'s "Borden Property-Mining Exploration and Campsite"
project**

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On October 7, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an extension to AANDC Land Use Permit N2008C0032 for Indicator Minerals Inc.'s "Borden Property-Mining Exploration and Campsite" project proposal.

Please be advised that on August 13, 2008 the NIRB received the original project proposal (NIRB File No. 08EN078) from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now AANDC) and proceeded to screen the proposal in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On October 10, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC (now AANDC) which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On August 26, 2010 the NIRB received an application from AANDC for an extension to the land use permit (N2008C0032) for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on August 30, 2010.

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (08EN078) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08EN078-Indicator%20Minerals%20Inc%20-%20Borden%20Property/>

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08EN078), the "Borden Property-Mining Exploration and Camp" project was located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 90 kilometres (km) southeast of the community of Arctic Bay and 150 km southwest of Pond Inlet. The southernmost boundary of the Sirmilik National Park was approximately 25 km north of the proposed camp location. The proposed project activities were to occur between April 2009 and September 2013.

The proposed project activities included:

- Exploration drilling (on-ice and on-land);
- Use of pre-existing airstrip;
- Generation of waste and water use;
- Temporary structures (canvas tents with wooden frames);
- Use of helicopter to transport crew and equipment;
- Incineration of combustible waste;
- Water use for drilling activities; and
- Temporary fuel storage (20 drums of diesel and 50 drums of Jet B fuel).

On August 26, 2010 Indicator Minerals Inc. proposed a 12 month extension to Land Use Permit N2008C0032 to allow for additional time to seek adequate project financing and as they had been unable to complete any of the proposed exploration activities in 2010. In its August 2010 application, Indicator Minerals Inc. advised that activities proposed within the extension request would be the same as has been proposed in the original application.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Indicator Minerals Inc. is currently proposing to extend Land Use Permit N2008C0032 for a one year period which would allow for additional time to conduct the proposed exploration activities.

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."*

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of

the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original October 10, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director

cc: Andrea Maynes, Indicator Minerals Inc.
Robert St. Eloi, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: NIRB File 08EN038 (October 10, 2008)