

COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. In order to assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposals, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project application:

Project Title:	Mining Exploration		
Proponent:	4579 Nunavut Ltd.		
Location:	Churchill West, Keewatin, NU		
Comments Due By:	March 6, 2004	NIRB #	04EN008
INAC File #: 9545-2-2-CHU-G			
Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:			
G no concerns G water quality G terrain G air quality G wildlife and their habitat G marine life and their habitat G marine mammals and their habitat G fish and their habitat G heritage resources in area	G traditional uses of land G Inuit harvesting activities G community involvement and consultation G local development in the area G tourism in the area G human health issues G other		
Please describe concerns indicated above:			
No significant concerns. Refer to "other" comments on second page of this comment form.			

Do you have any suggestions or recommendation for this application?


1. The application indicates that a spill contingency plan has been attached, however, it was not included with the fax; nor can I find reference to this file number on the NIRB site.
2. That being said, this application appears to have been made by the same company – 4579 Nunavut Ltd. – that submitted a similar application (including a spill contingency plan) under NIRB # 04EN002 (NWB 2CHU0305) and which this reviewer commented upon extensively.
3. For all intents and purposes, both applications appear to be identical; save for the stated location – “Rankin Inlet Area vs. Churchill West, Keewatin – of the proposed activities. Nevertheless, the range of geographic coordinates given in each of the applications also appears to be the same.

Given the above, the comments that I have already submitted with respect to the aforementioned NIRB application 04EN002, should be applied to this application as well.

4. The application indicates that the proponent intends to operate out of Rankin Inlet, but may consider establishing a 40-man seasonal camp which would operate for nine months; from March 1 to November 30. INAC considers this to be a relatively significant development over and above that which is proposed by this application and therefore should be subject to review and approval by interested parties. INAC therefore suggests that if the proponent decides to go ahead with the construction of a base camp – the details of which have not been provided with this application and the impacts of which cannot therefore be assessed at this time – they should submit a separate application or supplemental to this application which provides pertinent details about the activity such as, but not restricted to, waste management, spill contingency planning and abandonment and restoration.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☒ No ☐ Any additional comments?

INAC approves of this application. The proposed base camp, however, should be subject to review and approval and therefore – for reasons already outlined in # 4, above – should not be considered as part of this application.

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