

NIRB File No. 11EN035 NWB File No.: 2BE-FBP----

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Via email: <u>mdufresne@apexgeoscience.com</u>

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Roche Bay PLC's "Fraser Bay 1-3 Property" project proposal

Dear Michael Dufresne:

On June 2, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Roche Bay PLC's "Fraser Bay 1-3 Property" project proposal from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11EN034.

The project is located on the Melville Peninsula in the South Baffin Region approximately 168 kilometres from Hall Beach. The Proponent proposes to conduct a drilling program on the Fraser Bay 1-3 Property to assess iron ore deposits seasonally between June and October, for the years 2011 through 2015.

The project activities include:

- Delineate the iron ore deposits using diamond drilling, geological sampling, geophysical surveying, and mapping;
- Construct an exploration camp on the property to accommodate up to twenty (20) people;
- Transport personnel, equipment and supplies to and from sites via fixed wing aircraft and helicopter; and,
- Wastes and contaminated materials flown out to appropriate municipal dump or disposal facility.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/ including:

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut
- NIRB Part 2 PSIR Application Form in English
- Maps
- Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English and Inuktitut
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- Environmental Plan

- Fuel Management Plan
- Spill Prevention and Response Plan
- Exploration Plan
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association Land Use License Class III Application
- Nunavut Water Board Type B Water License Application

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Roche Bay PLC project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 30, 2011**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the NIRB's Assistant Technical Advisor, Tara Arko at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Tara Arko

Assistant Technical Advisor Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)