



The Honourable John Duncan
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
c/o Jeff Mercer, Manager Land Administration
Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Iqaluit, NU

Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: West Melville Metals Inc.'s "Fraser Bay 1-3" project

On December 22, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for a new land use permit for West Melville Metals Inc.'s (the Proponent) "Fraser Bay 1-3" project proposal.

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No. 11EN035) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link:

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PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

The Fraser Bay 1-3 project as previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 11EN035) was located within the Qikiqtani region, approximately 168 kilometres (km) southwest of Hall Beach. The Proponent intended to conduct a seasonal drilling program on the Fraser Bay 1-3 Property to assess iron ore deposits between June and October each year, from 2011 through 2015.

The activities and components associated with this proposal included:

- Delineation of the iron ore deposits using diamond drilling, geological sampling, geophysical surveying, and mapping;
- Use of between 1-3 diamond drills;
- Construction of an exploration camp on the property to accommodate up to twenty (20) people;
- Transportation of personnel, equipment and supplies to and from sites via fixed wing aircraft and helicopter;
- Fuel handling of up to 150 drums of diesel (30,705 litres, 6 drums gasoline (1230 litres), 120 drums (24,480 litres) of aviation fuel;
- Incineration of wood and large pieces of cardboard via open and controlled burns;
- Wastes and contaminated materials flown out to appropriate municipal dump or disposal facility; and
- Grey and black water collected into sumps to be filled and levelled as required.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

West Melville Metals Inc. has applied for a land use permit in support of its exploration project which includes the following additional components and activities:

- Additional seasonal camp of 8 buildings plus infrastructure including a generator, helicopter landing area, and incineration area;
- Additional fuel storage of 50 barrels of diesel, 5 barrels of gasoline, 100 barrels of aviation fuel, and 25 – 100 pound cylinders of propane;
- Transportation of supplies and personnel to the additional camp by helicopter; and
- Continuation of on-land drilling.

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 additional activities as proposed do 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 July 13, 2011 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ryan Barry", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director

cc: Andrea Maynes, West Melville Metals Inc.
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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 11EN035 (July 13, 2011)