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Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Roche Bay PLC and West Melville Metals Inc.'s "Fraser Bay 1-3 Property" project

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On May 4, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for an amendment to Roche Bay PLC and West Melville Metals Inc.'s Water Licence (No. 2BE-FBP1116) for the "Fraser Bay 1-3 Property" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 11EN035) was received by the NIRB from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association on June 2, 2011 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 13, 2011 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Qikiqtani Inuit Association which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On December 22, 2011 the NIRB received an application for a new Land Use Permit (No. N2011J0032) from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the Land Use Permit application, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on February 1, 2012.

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

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN035-Roche%20Bay%20PLC-Mike%20Dufresne/>.

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 in order to assess iron ore deposits between June and October 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), and 120 drums of aviation fuel (24,480 litres);
- 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.

The activities and components associated with the previous February 1, 2012 Land Use Permit include:

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

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Roche Bay PLC is proposing to amend its Type B Water Licence (No. 2BE- FBP1116) to include the following additional components/activities:

- Change in camp location and source of water for camp use.

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 amendment 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 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,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 11EN035 (July 13, 2011)