



the application for a new Land Use Permit, 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.

On May 4, 2012 the NIRB received an application for an amendment request from Nunavut Water Board (NWB) to the Type “B” Water Licence (No. 2BE-FBP1116) for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the amendment request, 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 June 6, 2012.

On February 7, 2014 the NIRB received an application from AANDC for an extension to AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2011J0032) for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, 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 28, 2014.

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

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN035-Roche%20Bay%20PLC%20\(West%20Melville%20Metals\)-Fraser%20Bay%201-3/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN035-Roche%20Bay%20PLC%20(West%20Melville%20Metals)-Fraser%20Bay%201-3/).

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 11EN035), the “Fraser Bay Project” 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 to 2015.

The activities and components associated with the previously screened 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.

The activities and components associated with the previous December 22, 2011 request for an additional AANDC Land Use Permit includes:

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- 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.

The activities and components associated with the previous May 4, 2012 Type “B” Water Licence amendment with NWB includes:

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

The activities and components associated with the previous February 7, 2014 AANDC Land Use Permit extension application includes:

- Continuation of exploration activities as was previously permitted to proceed.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

West Melville Metals Inc. is currently proposing to extend its Land Use Permit (No. N2011J0032) with AANDC to continue with previously approved exploration activities. In addition, the Proponent is proposing the following additional activity:

- Removal of camp and reclamation of site.

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 July 13, 2011 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4603 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca).

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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  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Tara Gunson, Apex Geoscience Ltd on behalf of West Melville Metals Inc.  
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Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board  
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

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

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