



**NIRB File No.: 08EN067**  
AANDC File No.: N2011C0033  
KIA File No.: KTL308C008  
NWB File No.: 2BE-HG0712

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**Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: MMG Resources Inc.'s "Canoe Lake Exploration and MolyMag Campsite" Project, Kitikmeot Region**

Dear Tracey McCaie:

On January 22, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an extension to the Land Use Permit (No. N2011C0033) associated with MMG Resources Inc.'s (MMG or the Proponent) "Canoe Lake Exploration and MolyMag Campsite" project. The Board notes that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file, as the proposed project is located within a region that does not currently have an approved land use plan in place (Kitikmeot Region).

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08EN067) was received by the NIRB from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) on June 11, 2008 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On September 9, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the President of the KIA which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Additional authorization and extension requests associated with the "Canoe Lake Exploration and MolyMag Campsite" project have also been reviewed by the NIRB following screening of the original project proposal (File No. 08EN067). In each instance the NIRB confirmed that the applications were exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remained subject to the terms and conditions

recommended in the original September 9, 2008 Screening Decision Report. A summary of the additional applications associated with NIRB File No. 08EN067 is presented in Table 1.

**Table 1: Additional Applications Associated with NIRB File No.: 08EN067**

Authorization	Application Received by NIRB			NIRB Decision	
	Date Received	Type	Reason for Application	Date Issued	Type
KIA LUL KTL308C008	January 13, 2010	Amendment /Extension	Campsite construction and continue exploration activities	February 15, 2010	Reissued September 9, 2008 SDR
INAC LUP N2007C0009	February 28, 2011	Extension	Continue exploration activities	March 4, 2011	Reissued September 9, 2008 SDR
AANDC LUP N2011C0033	December 22, 2011	Replace previous LUP N2007C0009	Continue exploration activities	January 10, 2012	Reissued September 9, 2008 SDR
AANDC LUP N2011C0033	December 9, 2013	Extension	Continue exploration activities	December 18, 2013	Reissued September 9, 2008 SDR

Notes: AANDC=Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada; INAC=Indian and Northern Affairs Canada; KIA=Kitikmeot Inuit Association; LUL=Land Use License; LUP=land use permit; NIRB=Nunavut Impact Review Board; SDR=Screening Decision Report

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No.: 08EN067) 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/2008/08EN067-MMG\(Zinifex\)-High%20Lake%20East/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08EN067-MMG(Zinifex)-High%20Lake%20East/).

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08EN067), the "Canoe Lake Exploration and MolyMag Campsite" project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 180 kilometres (km) southeast of the community of Kugluktuk. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct drilling for potential base metal showings in Canoe Lake and surrounding areas from August 2008 to October 2008, with a second phase to occur during the spring of 2009.

The activities and components associated with the original screening included:

- Diamond drilling of potential base metal showings in Canoe Lake and surrounding areas;
- Helicopter use to transport crew and equipment;
- Potential movement of equipment and crew by snow machine during the spring months;
- Installation of temporary survival and equipment shacks;
- Staking and prospecting;

- Geophysical surveying;
- Water use for drilling activities;
- Temporary fuel storage at drill sites (1-2 drums diesel fuel, 1-2 20 pound propane bottles at each drill site); and,
- Use of High Lake Camp site.

The January 13, 2010 amendment to KIA Land Use Licence KTL308C008 included the following additional activities and components:

- Construction of campsite new MolyMag Campsite approximately 175 km east-southeast of Kugluktuk (40 km southeast of the High Lake deposits and existing High Lake Camp) on the south shore of the James River on Inuit Owned Land Parcel BB-68, specifically:
  - 10-12 canvas tents designed to accommodate up to 30 people for a total of 3000 person days, including kitchen facilities, dry facilities, and outhouses;
  - Grey water sump and fuel cache areas;
- Support ongoing exploration program that included diamond drilling, geophysical surveys and geological mapping;
- Water use for drilling activities and camp;
- Helicopter use to transport crew and equipment;
- Airplane use to transport personnel and supplies to camp via proposed tundra airstrip;
- Temporary fuel storage; and,
- Operation of camp from March 2010 to March 2012 with seasonal shutdown from November to February each year.

The activities associated with the previous February 28, 2011 application were to extend AANDC Land Use Permit N2007C0009 for one year to continue previously approved exploration activities.

The activities associated with the December 22, 2011 application were to replace the previous AANDC Land Use Permit N2007C0009 with a new Land Use Permit (No. N2011C0033) to continue previously approved exploration activities until March 2014.

The activities associated with the previous December 9, 2013 application were to extend AANDC Land Use Permit N2011C0033 for one year to continue previously approved exploration activities.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

MMG is proposing to extend its AANDC Land Use Permit N2011C0033 for one additional year to complete reclamation work activities on the High Lake property, specifically:

- Dismantling and removal of structures;
- Demobilization of equipment;
- Removal of materials and waste; and
- General reclamation.

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, 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 September 9, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Kristina Benoit, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or [kbenoit@nirb.ca](mailto:kbenoit@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08EN067 (September 9, 2008)