

NIRB File No.: 13EN013

AANDC File No.: N2013C0009

KIA File Nos.: KTL112B009, KTL112B010

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Andrew Turner, Project Manager c/o HTX Minerals Corporation Apex Geoscience Ltd.
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Via email: andrewt@apexgeoscience.com

Re: <u>Application Acknowledgement and Additional Information Required for HTX</u>
<u>Minerals Corporation "Itchen Lake Property" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Mr. Andrew Turner:

On April 15, 2013 the NIRB received HTX Minerals Corporation's (Proponent) "Itchen Lake Property" project proposal directly from the Proponent and on April 22, 2013 the NIRB received a referral from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to screen the above mentioned proposal. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13EN013 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

The NIRB previously undertook a preliminary completeness check of the project proposal and found that the proposal did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On May 2, 2013 the NIRB requested the required additional information from the Proponent be provided to the Board by May 18, 2013. To date, not all of the requested information has been provided to the NIRB to facilitate screening of this project proposal.

Further, the NIRB received referrals from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) on May 8, 2013 to screen the "Itchen Lake Property" and the "Contwoyto Lake" project proposals. In review of the KIA application, the NIRB will require additional information from the Proponent for the NIRB to permit proper screening. Specifically, the NIRB is requesting the submission of the following additional information:

- Updated NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun that describes the exploration activities associated with both the "Itchen Lake Property" and the "Contwoyto Lake" projects including camp usage and fuel storage location and usage;
- *Updated* NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement Form;

- *Updated* Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun that describes the exploration activities associated with both the "Itchen Lake Property" and the "Contwoyto Lake" projects;
- Discussion of potential transboundary and cumulative impacts of the two projects and proposed plans to mitigate the potential impacts; and
- *Updated* maps that clearly outline the "Itchen Lake Property" and "Contwoyto Lake" project proposals.

The NIRB requests that the above information be provided to the Board by **June 11, 2013.** If HTX determines that the time required to cure the deficiencies is significantly greater than 3 weeks, the NIRB requests written notification and an anticipated submission date to be submitted prior to **June 11, 2013.** If no further information or notification is received by the NIRB **before June 11, 2013**, the NIRB shall resume the screening process at HTX's own risk.

Please forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4607 or crodriguez@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Tara Gunson, Apex Geoscience Ltd.
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
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Enclosure (4): NIRB Part 1 form (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun) NIRB Part 2 form