



- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

On July 10, 2013 the NIRB received a request from the Kugluktuk Hunters' and Trappers' Organization (HTO) to extend the public commenting period to allow the Kugluktuk HTO an opportunity to provide comments on the project proposal. The Board found this request to be reasonable and extended the public commenting period until July 19, 2013.

On or before July 19, 2013, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- *Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)*
- *Environment Canada (EC)*
- *Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA)*
- *Government of Nunavut (GN)*
- *Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)*
- *Tlicho Government*
- *Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)*
- *Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC)*

Please note that by the end of the extended deadline for public comments, the NIRB had not received a comment submission from the Kugluktuk HTO with regards to this project proposal.

All comment submissions received pertaining to the screening of this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/13EN013-HTX%20Minerals%20Corp.-Itchen%20Lake%20Property/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

The following presents a *summary* of concerns raised by parties:

- Concerns regarding absence of public consultation meeting summaries or presence of comprehensive public consultation plan;
- Potential negative impacts of project activities on caribou and caribou habitat (particularly Bathurst Caribou herd) including proposed project schedule overlapping with caribou migration periods, as well as socio-economic and cultural impacts on communities that rely on caribou;
- Concerns of potential for cumulative effects of project activities in a region that has significant historical, current and proposed future mineral development;
- Concerns of potential transboundary impact of project activities, especially on Bathurst Caribou herd;
- Potential impact of project activities (including low-level flights) on wildlife (including migratory birds);
- Concern that insufficient information has been provided relating to construction, management and decommissioning of sumps; and

- Clarification required on recruitment process for local hiring and engagement of local businesses in project operations.

The NIRB would like to provide the Proponent with an opportunity to address these concerns prior to the Board making its indication to the Minister. The NIRB requests that HTX review all comment submissions received and provide a response directly to the Board by **August 2, 2013**.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4607 or crodriguez@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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