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Rita Becker

Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU

Re: Izok Lake Diamond Drilling and Research NIRB: 02EN039 NWB: NWB2IZO

Enclosed is the completed NIRB Screening Decision Report on water use and waste disposal associated exploration and research activities in the Izok Lake area in the Kitikmeot Region.

NIRB has screened this application for eco-systemic and socio-economic impacts of the proposal.

NIRB's indication to the Minister is: 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

Please contact me at (867) 983-2593 if you have any questions about the Screening Decision Report.

Yours truly,

Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board

SCREENING DECISION

Date: April 5, 2002

Mr. Thomas Kudloo Chairperson, Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NT

Dear Mr. Kudloo:

RE: Screening Decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on Application:
NIRB 02EN039 DIAND N2002C0013 NWB NWB2IZO NRI
Izok Lake Diamond Drilling and Research (Inmet Mining Corporation)

Authority:

Section 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement states:

Upon receipt of a project proposal, NIRB shall screen the proposal and indicate to the Minister in writing that:

- a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;
- b) the proposal requires review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB shall identify particular issues or concerns which should be considered in such a review;
- c) the proposal is insufficiently developed to permit proper screening, and should be returned to the proponent for clarification; or
- d) the potential adverse impacts of the proposal are so unacceptable that it should be modified or abandoned.

Primary Objectives:

The primary objectives of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement are set out in section 12.2.5 of the Land Claims Agreement. This section reads:

In carrying out its functions, the primary objectives of NIRB shall be at all times to protect and promote the existing and future well-being of the residents and communities of the Nunavut Settlement Area, and to protect the ecosystemic integrity of the Nunavut Settlement Area. NIRB shall take into account the well-being of the residents of Canada outside the Nunavut Settlement Area.

The decision of the Board in this case is 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5;

Reasons for Decision:

NIRB's decision is based on specific considerations that reflect the primary objectives of the Land Claims Agreement. Our considerations in making this decision included:

- the impact of drilling activities on the ecosystem;
- disposal of drill cuttings and waste water;
- impact to water quality, aquatic habitat and wildlife and fish populations from chemicals, drill waste, drill fluids and potential fuel spills;
- storage and disposal of chemicals, fuel, garbage, sewage, and gray water, and impact of these on the ecosystem;
- the impact of noise from drilling activities and their disturbance to wildlife and traditional users of area;
- the impact of campsite and equipment on terrain;
- the impact of exploration activities on archaeological sites or cultural landmarks in the area;
 and
- clean up/restoration of the camp site and drilling locations upon abandonment.

Terms and Conditions:

That the terms and conditions attached to this screening report will apply.

Drill Sites

- 1. The Licensee shall not conduct any land based drilling within thirty (30) metres of the normal high water mark of a water body.
- The Licensee shall not use drilling muds or additives in connection with drill holes unless
 they are recirculated or contained such that they do not enter the water, or are certified to be
 non-toxic.
- The Licensee shall ensure that any drill cuttings and waste water that cannot be recirculated be disposed of in a properly constructed sump or an appropriate natural depression that does not drain into a waterbody.
- 4. The Licensee shall ensure that drilling wastes do not enter any water body. The use of biodegradable, salt free drill additives is encouraged over non-biodegradable types.
- 5. The Licensee shall ensure that the sump/depression capacity is sufficient to accommodate the volume of waste water and any fines that are produced so that there will be no additional impacts.
- 6. The Licensee shall not locate any sump within thirty (30) metres of the normal high water mark of any water body.
- 7. The Licensee shall not deposit nor permit the deposit of slash, debris or sediment into any waterbody. These materials shall be disposed of above the high water mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water.
- 8. The Licensee shall ensure that disturbance of vegetation from deposit of drill fluids/cuttings is restricted to the area of the sump and the ground prepared for revegetation upon abandonment.

- The Licensee shall, where flowing water from bore holes is encountered, plug, the bore
 hole in such a manner as to permanently prevent any further outflow of water. The
 occurrence shall be reported to the Nunavut Water Board and Land Use Inspector within 48
 hours.
- 10. If the drilling requires water in sufficient volume that the source waterbody may be drawn down details must be submitted (volume required, size of waterbody, etc.) to DFO-FHM for review. DFO-FHM does not recommend the use of streams as a water source.

Water

11. The Licensee shall ensure that all water intake hoses are equipped with a screen with an appropriate mesh size to ensure that there is no entrapment of fish.

Fuel and Chemical Storage

- 12. The Licensee shall ensure that fuel storage containers are not located within thirty (30) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water.
- 13. The Licensee shall ensure that any chemicals, fuels or wastes associated with the project do not spread to the surrounding lands or enter into any water body.
- 14. Fuel storage shall either be equipped with secondary containment and other hazardous materials should be located in such a manner as to prevent their release into the environment.
- 15. The Licensee shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent the possibility of migration of spilled petroleum fuel or chemicals over the ground surface.
- The Licensee shall examine all fuel and chemical storage containers daily for leaks. All leaks should be prepared immediately.
- 17. The Licensee shall seal all container outlets except the outlet currently in use.
- 18. The Licensee shall mark all fuel containers with the Licensee's name.
- 19. The Licensee shall dispose of all combustible waste petroleum products by incineration and removal from the site.
- 20. The Licensee shall ensure all activities, including maintenance procedures and refueling, should be controlled to prevent the entry of petroleum products or other deleterious substances into the water.
- 21. The Licensee shall have an approved emergency response and spill contingency plans in place prior to the commencement of the operation.
- 22. The Licensee shall immediately report all spills of petroleum and hazardous chemicals to the twenty-four (24) hour spill report line at (867) 920-8130.

Waste Disposal

- 23. The Licensee shall not discharge or deposit any refuse substances or other waste materials in any body of water, or on the banks thereof, which will impair the quality of the waters of the natural environment.
- 24. The Licensee shall not locate any sumps or areas designated for waste disposal within thirty (30) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water, and be sufficiently

- bermed or otherwise contained to ensure that these substances to do not enter a waterway unless otherwise authorized.
- 25. The Licensee, prior to the discharge of fluids from any sump, shall carry out an analysis of the fluid in a manner prescribed by the NWB.
- 26. The Licensee shall treat greywater and sewage according to the terms and conditions outlined in the NWB approval.
- 27. The Licensee shall backfill and recontour all sumps to match the natural environment prior to the expiry date of the license.
- 28. The Licensee shall incinerate all combustible and food wastes daily in an approved incinerator.
- 29. The Licensee shall keep all garbage and debris in a covered metal container until disposed of.
- 30. The Licensee shall ensure that all wastes generated through the course of the operation are backhauled and disposed of in an approved dumpsite.
- 31. The Licensee shall deposit all scrap metal, discarded machinery and parts, barrels and kegs, at an approved disposal site.

Wildlife

- 32. The Licensee shall ensure that there is no damage to wildlife habitat in conducting this operation.
- 33. The Licensee shall not feed wildlife.
- 34. The Licensee shall use the latest bear detection and deterrent techniques to minimize manbear interactions and shall report any Man-Bear Interactions to the nearest Renewable Resource Officer.
- 35. The Licensee shall ensure that the drill sites avoid known environmentally sensitive areas (denning, nesting etc.) by a minimum of 250 metres.
- The Licensee shall not locate any operation so as to block or cause substantial diversion to migration of caribou.
- 37. The Licensee shall cease activities that may interfere with migration or calving, such as airborne geophysics surveys or movement of equipment, drilling activities until the caribou and their calves have vacated the area.
- 38. The Licensee shall not conduct any activity associated with the land use operation during critical periods of wildlife cycles (eg. caribou migration, calving, fish spawning or raptor nesting).
- 39. That the Licensee shall ensure that there is no hunting by employees of the company or any contractors hired.
- 40. The Licensee shall ensure compliance with Section 36 of the Fisheries Act which requires that no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of a deleterious substance on any type in water frequented by fish or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance may enter such a water body.
- 41. The harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat is prohibited under Section 35 of the Fisheries Act. No construction or disturbance of any stream/lake bed or banks of any definable watercourse is permitted unless authorized by DFO.

Environmental

- 42. The Licensee shall ensure that the land use area is kept clean and tidy at all times.
- 43. The Licensee shall prepare the site in such a manner as to prevent rutting of the ground surface.
- 44. The Licensee shall not do anything that will cause erosion of the banks of any body of water on or adjacent to the land and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion. No disturbance of the bed or banks of any definable watercourse is permitted. Special efforts must be made to avoid bed and bank disturbance during the spring.
- 45. The Licensee shall be required to undertake any corrective measures in the event of any damage to the land or water as a result of the Licensee's operation.
- 46. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any waterbody.
- 47. The Licensee shall not move any equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is in a state capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging.
- 48. The Licensee shall suspend overland travel of equipment or vehicles if rutting occurs.
- 49. The Licensee shall obtain all the necessary permits needed to carry out their operation.

Structure & Storage Facilities

- 50. The Licensee shall not erect structures or store material on the surface ice of lakes or streams.
- 51. The Licensee shall locate all structures and storage facilities on gravel, sand or other durable land.

Archaeological Sites

52. The Licensee shall follow all terms and conditions for the protection and restoration of archaeological resources as outlined by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youths (CLEY) in attached letter.

Reclamation

- 53. The Licensee shall remove all scrap metal, discarded machinery and parts, barrels and kegs, buildings and building material upon abandonment.
- 54. The Licensee shall undertake ongoing restoration for any land or improvements which are no longer required for the Licensee's operation on the land.
- 55. The Licensee shall plug or cap all bore holes and cut off any drill casings that remain above ground to ground level upon abandonment of the operation.

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Other Recommendations

- MICE would like to encourage the proponent to hire load people and controls, to the extent possible.
- NIRB strongly advises proposents to consult with local residents regarding their activities 2. in the region, and do community consultation on the project to keep the communities informed.
- 3. Any amendment requests deemed by NIRB to be outside the original scope of the project will be earnidered a new project
- The Linvironmental Protection Branch (DOE), Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) should be advised of any material changes to plans or operating conditions associated with the project.

Validity of Land Claims Agreement

Section 2.12.2

Where there is any inconsistency or conflict between any federal, territorial and local government laws, and the Agreement, the Agreement shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

Dated Apul 05/02 at Arvist, NU

Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson

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COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. In order to assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of project proposals, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project application:

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Dear Madam:

Thank you for your submission with regard to NIRB # 02EN039, Izok Lake Diamond Drilling and Research, Inmet Mining Corporation, Izok Lake Area, Nunavut.

The information will be reviewed by this office and our response will be forwarded to DFO Fish Habitat in Iqaluit. They in turn will prepare a Departmental response encompassing both the Navigable Waters Protection Act and the Fisheries Act.

Yours truly,

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Our File: 4703 001

Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) PO Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NT XOE OCO.

Re: Land Use Permit Application NIRB 02EN039 / NWB Water Application NWB2IZO - Inmet Mining Corp. - Exploratory Drilling, Research and Camp -Izok and Ham Lake, NU.

On behalf of the Environmental Canada I have reviewed the information submitted with the above application, and recommend the following conditions for inclusion in the land use/water licence. This advice is provided pursuant to Section 12(3) of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA), and is based primarily on Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA), Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act and the Migratory Birds Convection Act.

Comments and Recommendations

- Meeting the requirements of the Federal Fisheries Act is mandatory, irrespective of any other
 regulatory or permitting system. Section 36(3) of the Fisheries Act specifies that unless
 authorized by federal regulation, no person shall deposit or permit the deposit of deleterious
 substances of any type in water frequented by fish, or in any place under any conditions
 where the deleterious substance, or any other deleterious substance that results from the
 deposit of the deleterious substance, may enter any such water.
- Drilling wastes from land-based drilling shall be disposed of in a sump such that they do not enter any waterbody.
- If an artesian flow is encountered, core-drill holes shall be plugged and permanently sealed upon project termination. Poor quality ground water from one aquifer may contaminate another or in some cases flowing conditions at the surface can create large washouts or quicksand conditions.
- The proponent has not indicate if drill additives are to be used during diamond drilling program. Waste tracking, or "manifesting," should be implement to ensure proper use, storage, and management of materials. Manifests provide detailed information to first responders in the event of an accident and serve as a tool for confirming that shipments of dangerous oilfield wastes (hazardous waste) are properly handled, transported, and disposed of.





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- . The proponent shall not deposit nor permit the deposit of slash, debris or sediment into any water body. These materials shall be disposed of above the high water mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water,
- Fuel containers should be stored on flat, stable terrain or in natural depressions well away from waterbodies. The fuel containers should be inspected periodically for leaks. Environment Canada recommends that all fuel storage be equipped with secondary containment and the other hazardous materials be stored in such a manner as to prevent their release into the environment.

Contingency Plan

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- Inmet Mining Spill Contingency Plan, Section 4.0, Reporting Procedures: "NWT Environmental Protection Service 24-hour spill reporting" should read "NWT 24-Hour Spill Report Line, fax number (867) 920-8130".
- Section 4.0, Point 3.0, specifies a "reportable" spill is "If the spill is significant, generally greater than 100 L and/or if any material entered a water body likely to contain fish, then the Site Manager must report the incident. The position accepted by all signatories to the NWT/Nunavut Spills Agreement is that all spills shall be reported.
- Section 4.0, Point 3: The spill should be reported immediately to the NWT 24-hour Spill Report Line, not "within 24 hours of the event occurring". Waiting 24 hours to report a major spill is unlikely to be construed as duly diligent behavior by regulatory authorities.

Changes in the proposed or permitted activities associated with this land use application would require further review. I can be contacted at (867) 669-4736 (by e-mail wade.romanko@ec.gc.ca) for any questions or comments with regard to the foregoing,

Yours truly,

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Gladys Joudrey
Environmental Assessment Officer
NIRB – Cambridge Bay

NIRB File - 02EN039 - Inmet Resources Water License

Unlike many of the applications we review, this is an immense potential project with some wide ranging impacts; potentially both economically in the Region and certainly potentially environmentally in the Izok Lake area and watershed, if not carefully monitored, regulated and initially established as far as operating procedures are concerned.

The feasibility of this Izok Lake project will also probably go a long way towards any final determination of development of the Bathurst Road & Port initiative. Thus it is important to assess the impacts of the Izok project with all this in mind and to get a complete feedback from all impacted groups how the various issues of this project can be addressed to meet Environmental impact requirements and needs should the Izok project move ahead.

One has to appreciate the company's foresight in both consulting with and involving adjacent communities and impacted residents through a chance to become involved with the preliminary research work, camp needs and related activity and with the opportunity to voice concern, issues and potentially support for the initiative.

As the scope of work associated with this specific 2 year Water License request is pretty limited, there appears little "Environmental Impact" reason to reject this initial request. It does seem like any additional "Imprint" on the Land beyond that previously created and approved will be minimal or nil. Using the existing Ham Lake camp for related water needs there (Ham Lake) should be satisfactory given the small number of involved staff and especially in comparison to previous camp use when larger numbers of staff were initially employed to carry out earlier drilling assessments.

Concerns about water use and the re-circulation aspect of the proposed drilling program at 4 new sites at Izok should be adequately managed by the this company with an extensive global and Northern background in doing this type of activity and maintaining environmental integrity to high levels

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Consequently, for this renewed company initiative to potentially re-activate the feasibility of the Izok project and for the purpose of the Water License request, I find the company both through their application explanations and perhaps more importantly through their experience addresses adequately their ability to ensure environmental impact with this specific activity will be minimal and to acceptable expectations of surrounding communities and residents.

Regards:

Doug Crossley Special Advisor

CG&T - Cambridge Bay

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