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Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 1:19 PM
To: 'Richard Dwyer'
Cc: 'Bobby Suluk'; 'Tommy Owljoot'; 'Brian Aglukark'
Subject: RE: 2BE-KAZ0609 amendment
Attachments: 100706-08EA038-Application Exempt Pursuant to NLCA 12 4 3-OA1E.pdf

Hi Richard,

Please find attached correspondence regarding the file you are requesting to. This was exempted in July 2010.

Regards,

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Sent: August 16, 2010 3:26 PM
To: Richard Dwyer; NIRB Info
Cc: Bobby Suluk; Tommy Owljoot
Subject: RE: 2BE-KAZ0609 amendment

Good afternoon Richard;

The above amendment request to include " open burning of untreated wood for part of reclamation of camp" will not require an NPC conformity determination against the KRLUP. The terms which the proponent agreed to under an Pacific Ridge review dated April 1, 2008 are still in effect. Those terms have been attached to this e mail and must be part of an authorization issued.

Any questions concerns, please do not hesitate.

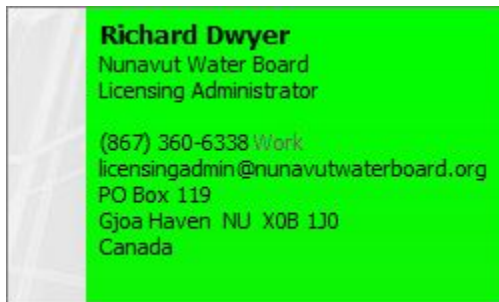
Brian Aglukark, NPC
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From: Richard Dwyer [mailto:licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org]
Sent: Friday, August 13, 2010 5:09 PM
To: Brian Aglukark; 'NIRB Info'
Subject: 2BE-KAZ0609 amendment

Good afternoon;

I'd like confirmation that NPC Conformity has been completed or does not require conformity, and has been screened or does not require NIRB screening.

Thanks,





NIRB File No.: 08EA038
INAC File No.: N2006J0017

July 6, 2010

Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
c/o Spencer Dewar, Manager Land Administration
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: Spencer.Dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca

**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Aurora Energy Resources Inc.'s "Baker Lake Basin" project**

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On June 29, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2006J0017 in support of Aurora Energy Resources Inc.'s (Aurora) "Baker Lake Basin" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No. 06EN054) was received from INAC on May 26, 2006 and screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On August 17, 2006 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On March 28, 2008 the NIRB received a request to extend the Land Use Permit associated with the Baker Lake Basin project from INAC. As the proposed extension represented an amendment to the original project as screened by the Board, the NIRB assigned the project a new file number, **08EA038** and screened the project in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA. On May 16, 2008, the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4 (a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating that the proposed project could proceed subject to these new terms and conditions.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Reports (06EN054 and 08EA038) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2008_SCREENINGS/08EA038-Pacific%20Ridge%20Exploration%20Ltd/1-SCREENING/.

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB under File No. 08EA038, the “Baker Lake Basin” project was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 65 kilometres (km) southeast of the hamlet of Baker Lake. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct uranium exploration activities.

The activities and components associated with the original proposal included:

- Exploration program supported by helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft
- Exploration program to include prospecting, rock sampling, geological mapping, radiometric surveying and ground based magnetic surveying
- Diamond drill program (use of two drill rigs)
- Establishment of camp facilities (20 personnel)
- Use of water and generation of wastes
- Abandonment and reclamation of project area

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Aurora is currently proposing to extend its Land Use Permit for a period of one year (to August 17, 2011) in order to complete reclamation work as outlined in its Final Closure and Reclamation Plan.

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 screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original August 17, 2006 and May 16, 2008 Screening Decision Reports (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Hanson, NIRB Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4615 or ahanson@nirb.ca.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Autut', enclosed within a light blue rectangular border.

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director

cc: John Stephen Ash, Aurora Energy Resources Inc. (sash@aurora-energy.ca)

Enclosures (2): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 06EN054 (August 17, 2006); 08EA038 (May 16, 2008)