



NIRB No. 05EN060

**DATE:** June 12, 2007

**TO:** Distribution List

**Re:** Comment Request on True North Gems Inc Renewal request with Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services: 801-LUP-B05-001

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Dear Distribution List:

On June 7, 2007, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Government of Nunavut – Community Government Services (GN-CGS) for True North Gems Inc. (TNG) to renew exploration project activities for the Beluga Sapphire Project, near the Hamlet of Kimmirut.

The original project proposal application for the Beluga Sapphire project proposal was acknowledged by NIRB in May, 2005. The application, received from GN-CGS, was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 21, 2005 NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to GN-CGS recommending that the proposed exploration activities proceed, subject to specific terms and conditions, for a permit life of one year.

In May 2006, TNG applied for a renewal from GN-CGS, of permit #801-LUP-B05-001. On May 29, 2006 NIRB distributed the renewal request to Parties requesting comments. On June 14, 2006 NIRB's Executive Director issued GN-CGS correspondence indicating the project proposal could proceed subject to the original terms and conditions as recommended in the July 21, 2005 Screening Decision. Based on Party comments and NIRB's technical review of the renewal application, five additional conditions were recommended.

NIRB recognizes this is a request for a one-year renewal and that the project proposal has not changed from that which was described in the original project proposal. The following information has been provided by TNG regarding this 2007 renewal:

1. NIRB Project-Specific Information Request for Assay Sampling
2. Correspondence dated June 4, 2007 from Greg Davison of True North Gems Inc. to Kevin Buck of the NIRB
3. Correspondence dated June 7, 2007 from Twila Skinner and Greg Davison of True North Gems Inc. to Gladys Joudrey of the GN-CGS
4. Application for Land Use Permit – Department of Community and Government Services
5. Supplementary Information for Application for a Surface Land Use Permit for Commissioner's Land in the Hamlet of Kimmirut Municipal Boundary
6. Project Activity Map – June 2007
7. 2007 Monitoring Plan
8. Spill Contingency Plan – Revised March 2007

The GN-CGS application, supplementary information, the original NIRB screening file (05EN060) and the 2006 renewal information are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\\_SCREENINGS/2007\\_AMENDMENTS\\_RENEWALS\\_EXTENSIONS/](ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/2007_AMENDMENTS_RENEWALS_EXTENSIONS/)

Since the request for the renewal does not *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities, NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those stated in the July 21, 2005 Screening Decision Report as well as the five additional conditions recommended by NIRB in the June 14, 2006 renewal correspondence. NIRB may also recommend additional terms and conditions. Therefore, NIRB is distributing the GN-CGS renewal application in order to solicit comments or concerns about this project proposal renewal.

The Board is requesting that parties submit comments/concerns by **June 22, 2007**. Comments may be submitted via email to NIRB's Manager of Administration Leslie Payette at [lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca), or via fax to 867-983-2594.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca) or at 867-983-4607.

Sincerely,

*(Original Signed by)*

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Attach: July 21, 2005 Screening Decision  
June 14, 2006 Renewal Correspondence