

**NOTICE OF INDICATION**  
**NIRB FILE NO.: 15EN024**

NWB File No.: 2BE-MDP----  
KIA File No.: KTL315C011  
AANDC File No.: N2015C0020

September 3, 2015

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**Re: Notice of Indication for APEX Geoscience’s “Muskox Diamond” Project Proposal,  
Kitikmeot Region, NIRB File No. 15EN024**

Dear Tracey McCaie:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development for APEX Geoscience's "Muskox Diamond" in the Kitikmeot Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

“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.”

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 15EN024, signed on September 3, 2015 by Elizabeth Copland at Churchill, MB has been issued to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Nunavut Water Board (AANDC, KIA and NWB) and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of the AANDC, KIA and NWB's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that the AANDC, KIA and NWB send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Stephanie Taptuna, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4610 or [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 15EN024)