



PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08EN005), the “Quarry/Mining Exploration, Meliadine Lake, Kivalliq” project was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 40 kilometres (km) north of Rankin Inlet. At that time, the Proponent requested to replace both its expiring INAC Land Use Permit and its Quarry Permit with new permits.

The activities/components associated with the two proposals included:

- Diamond drilling;
- Prospecting and mapping;
- Ground and/or airborne geographical surveys;
- Claim staking and trenching; and
- Quarry.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

AEM is proposing to extend their Land Use Permit #N2007Q0040 for another year to allow for quarrying to occur. In addition, AEM is applying for a new Quarry Permit to continue undertaking their quarrying activities from islands in Meliadine Lake.

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 March 27, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08EN005 (March 27, 2008)