

Email Communication with the Nunavut Impact Review Board

From: Amanda Hanson [ahanson@nirb.ca]
Sent: Monday, December 16, 2013 12:44 PM
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Subject: RE: request from Hornby Bay Mineral Exploration - NIRB 06EN009, NWB Licence 2BE-MOU0914

Hi Bogdan -

Thanks for the clarification; I think I understand where you're coming from.

To answer your question, I would look to the NWB to answer whether a NIRB assessment was required prior to the issuance of the existing water licence, as we don't have any reference to a water licence in our Screening Decisions. This is curious, as the NWB should be getting the NIRB's confirmation that either a screening is or is not required, prior to issuing a water licence.

The second part of your question, whether a new screening is required, is something that we're going to have to answer on a case-by-case basis, and is normally something that the NWB requests we confirm in writing, once they have received an application from you. Without having seen your current application, I can't say with any certainty, whether a screening will be required. If you note that no project activities/timing have changed, that would be a good start for our purposes in assessing the application (should the NWB forward it to us).

I hope this helps, and would encourage you to speak with the NWB's Licensing department if you have further questions relating to how they plan to process your application and to interface with the NIRB's process.

Cheers,
Amanda

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Subject: RE: request from Hornby Bay Mineral Exploration - NIRB 06EN009, NWB Licence 2BE-MOU0914

Hello Amanda,

Thank you for directing me to the appropriate directory with the screening decisions for our project. Indeed there are there the screening decisions regarding our 2006 INAC application for a land use permit and our 2011 INAC application for our current land use permit (N2011C0007) and the exemption from screening we received this year 2013, when we applied for an extension to the LUP permit.

However, my confusion stems from the way the question on the NWB form is formulated. The form as you may notice asks first if a screening determination was required from NIRB prior to the issuance of the existing water licence?

There was indeed a screening determination associated with the 2006 land use permit issued by the INAC, but not one specifically associated with the NWB application so that is why it is not clear to me what they refer to.

The second question asks if there is a need for another screening.

Since the project scope and all operations have not changed, I tend to think there is not (but certainly we need your advice here). In such a case, when there is no new screening required, the NIRB asks for a written confirmation, as requested on the form. Would this refer actually to the exemption issued on April 3rd, 2014 this year, which is posted on the website?

I kindly ask for your advice.

Respectfully,
Bogdan

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Hi Bogdan -

You may find what you are looking for from our online public registry. The link below will direct you to the NIRB's Decision folder for File No. 06EN009 - I'm thinking this would be a good place to start in seeking the decision from 2009 (or prior).

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2006/06EN009-Hornby%20Bay%20Exploration%20Ltd%20-%20Unor%20Inc/03-DECISION/>

If none of the documents here are what you're after, please let me know and I'll have our staff look into your request further.

Cheers,
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Hello Amanda,

We are seeking your advice in the following matter:

On April 30, 2014 the Company's Water Licence will expire and the Company intends to apply for a renewal of the licence. As part of the application process, section 8 of the application form (see below) refers to NIRB determination.

8. NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD (NIRB) DETERMINATION

Was a screening determination required from NIRB prior to the issuance of the existing water licence?

Yes No

If Yes, indicate date issued and attach copy. _____

Does the proposed renewal change the original NIRB screening determination or the need to obtain one?

Yes No

If Yes, indicate date issued (or expected) and attach a copy.

If No, provide written confirmation from NIRB confirming that a screening determination is not required.

We need your help in addressing this question. The previous application was handled by our former VP Exploration, who has left the Company in 2009. It was submitted to NWB in January 2009 and it mentions that there was NIRB screening but I don't have the records of that screening determination in my files (only reference to it in the NWB decision). Would you be able to send me that decision so that I can attach it, as requested, to the application?

Secondly, would you let us know if there is a need for another screening, since the project scope and all operations have not changed? If yes, kindly let me know what we are supposed to do. If no, we respectfully ask for a written confirmation, as requested on the form. Please note our mailing address below.

Best regards,
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