



NIRB File No. 11EN027
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Via email: Dwayne.car777@gmail.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Northquest Ltd.'s "Pistol Bay" project proposal

Dear Dwayne Car:

On March 15, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Northquest Ltd.'s (Northquest) "Pistol Bay" project proposal from the proponent. On May 6, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) as well as the referral from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11EN027.

The proposed project is located in the Kivalliq region approximately 20 kilometres north of Whale Cove. The proposed project would be to conduct initial stage exploration activities to assess the potential for gold both north and northwest of Whale Cove. The program is proposed to take place in 2011 between June 2011 and September 2011 with further work expected until June 2, 2013 based on this first field season.

The project activities include:

- Materials and fuel brought to camp site by cat-train;
- Construction of a permanent camp to house 17 people;
- Honda ATV's for transportation of equipment in camp;
- Groceries and personnel will be brought by truck (part way) and helicopter;
- Helicopter transportation of crew and equipment between drill sites and camp;
- Prospecting and mapping;
- Rock sampling;
- Diamond drilling;
- Fuel (diesel, gasoline, propane and jet B Fuel) stored at camp in "insta-berms";
- Oil, calcium chloride and drill additives also stored at camp;
- Sewage will be disposed of in pits and/or sumps;
- All wastes/garbage will be back hauled every two days to Whale Cove; and
- Hazardous wastes to be back hauled to Whale Cove.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/11EN027-Northquest-Pistol%20Bay/01-APPLICATION/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English;*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut;*
- *NIRB Project Specific Information Requirements;*
- *Maps;*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English;*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut;*
- *NPC Conformity Determination;*
- *INAC Land Use Permit Application;*
- *NWB General Water Licence Application;*
- *Kivalliq Inuit Association Application to Access Inuit Owned Lands and Water Use;*
- *Spill Contingency Plan;*
- *Environmental Procedures;*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan; and*
- *Emergency Response Plan.*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Northquest's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 1, 2011**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact myself at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)