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Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Gillard:

Re: Land Use Application NIRB 11YEN025: Pistol Bay- Exploration (Northquest Ltd.)

Due Date: June 1, 2011

At your request, the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (CLEY), Government of Nunavut, has reviewed the above-noted application. Our recommendations are limited to CLEY's mandate and follow.

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth recommends that the Nunavut Impact Review Board advise the Minister, pursuant to article 12.4.4 (a) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement, that the project proposal be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6.

There are no recorded archaeological sites within the proposed development area. However CLEY is requiring (NLCA, Section 33.5.12 and 33.5.13) that Northquest Ltd hire a consulting archaeologist (list attached) to conduct a reconnaissance of the areas proposed for disturbance. This requirement is being made because there are alleged, but unrecorded graves within the area, there are archaeological sites situated in similar topography contexts (proximal to lake and rivers) that have been discovered by chance and there is a density of archaeological sites near Rankin let that are clearly owing to systematic investigation and not chance encounters. The lack of recorded archaeological sites is most likely owing to a lack of investigation and not the area's potential.

Sincerely,

Sent via email

Julie Ross

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