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Subject: NIRB Screening Amendment for Advanced Exploration Inc's Roche Bay Project

Attachments: 080221-07EN058-Amendment Application-OT5E.pdf; 080221-07EN058-Comment Form for

Screening-OT5E.doc

Dear Dirk Swartz:

On February 15, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to Advanced Explorations Inc.'s "Roche Bay Mining" project.

The original application for the above project was received by the NIRB on July 30, 2007 from INAC. The project proposal was assigned NIRB File No. 07EN058 and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On September 6, 2007 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Advanced Explorations Inc. is proposing to amend their INAC Land Use Permit to include the following additional components/activities:

- Increase in the amount of fuel storage (+ 300,000 L)
- Increase in the amount of calcium chloride storage (+ 300 tonnes)
- New location for fuel and calcium chloride storage
- Inclusion of a location for on ice airplane landing (30 flights, mid-March to mid-April)
- Addition of the storage facility and ore storage (former camp buildings, INAC LUP N2006J0018)

The NIRB is not currently in receipt of any request from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association to screen the exploratory drilling activities on Inuit Owned Lands associated with this project. The INAC application and the original NIRB screening file, NIRB File No. 07EN058 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/2008_AMENDMENTS_RENEWALS/07EN-Advanced%20Exploration%20Inc/

While the NIRB has determined that the request for an amendment results in a change to the original scope of the project, it does not appear to significantly change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the

NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached September 6, 2007 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB feels are appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and **we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by February 29, 2008**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

Best regards,

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