



Honourable Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
c/o Spencer Dewar, Manager Land Administration  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Iqaluit, NU

**Re: Application exempt from NIRB Screening Pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:  
Advanced Exploration Inc.'s "Roche Bay Magnetite" project**

On March 17, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for a 2-year extension to INAC land use permit N2007C0033 for Advanced Explorations Inc.'s (AEI) "Roche Bay Magnetite" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No. 08EA041) was received by the NIRB from INAC on April 2, 2008 and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On May 16, 2008 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC, recommending the project be allowed to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

Please be advised that this Land Use Permit (N2007C0033) was extended in 2009. Upon receipt of application from INAC to extend the land use permit, the NIRB confirmed that the proposed activities had previously been screened and was therefore exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and the NIRB reissued the May 16, 2008 Screening Decision to the Minister of INAC.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB screening file (NIRB File No.: 08EA041), as well as previous extension applications are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED\\_SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007\\_SCREENINGS/07CN007-INAC\\_Roberts\\_Bay\\_and\\_Ida\\_Bay/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED_SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07CN007-INAC_Roberts_Bay_and_Ida_Bay/)

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2008\\_SCREENINGS/08EA041-Advanced%20Explorations%20Inc/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2008_SCREENINGS/08EA041-Advanced%20Explorations%20Inc/)

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 by INAC and AEI, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application 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 exempted 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 May 16, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan, at (867) 983-4606 or [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca).

Best regards,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Report Decision, File No. 08EA041 (May 16, 2008)