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Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination and Referral from an Authorizing Agency for Aston Bay Property's "Storm-Seal Prospects" Project Proposal

Dear Robert L'Heureux:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Aston Bay Property's "Storm-Seal Prospects" project proposal from your office on February 20, 2015. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Part 2 PSIR Form in English and Inuktitut*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Various Plans and Reports*

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Once the NIRB receives a positive conformity determination from the NPC and a Referral from an authorizing agency, the Board will screen the project proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and will report to the Government Minister(s) responsible for authorizing the project.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact Stephanie Taptuna, Environmental Administrator, at 867-983-4610 or via email at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Stephanie Taptuna
Environmental Administrator
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada