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**Re: Notice of Screening for Rae-co Consulting LTD's "TTMG Project" Proposal**

Dear Greg Bronson:

On February 4, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Rae-co Consulting LTD's "TTMG Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **22EN007** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

**INFORMATION REQUEST**

On February 7, 2022, the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's Public Registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On March 2, 2022, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

## PROJECT OVERVIEW

### **Project Scope:**

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125661](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125661).

<b>Project:</b>	TTMG Project				
<b>Region:</b>	Kitikmeot				
<b>Location:</b>	Turner Property, Ted Property				
<b>Closest Community:</b>	Cambridge Bay	<b>Distance (approximate)</b>	180 kilometres (km)	<b>Direction</b>	South
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to conduct a 5000-meter drilling program that will focus on known gold occurrences located on the Turner Lake and Ted claims. The drill program will operate seasonally during July and August, Accommodations will be provided by the Bathurst Inlet Lodge.				
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	Period of Construction – June 21, 2021 to September 20, 2023 Period of Operation – June 25, 2022 to September 24, 2027 Period of Closure – June 21, 2021 to July 20, 2021				

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a Diamond Drill Rig to drill up to 5000 meters at various locations on the properties
  - Drill water and cuttings will be pumped into a natural depression or hand-dug sump a minimum of 31 meters from the normal high-water mark of any nearby water body;
  - Temporary fuel cache and spill kits at each drilling site;
  - Use of two (2) portable generators to provide power;
  - Use of a portable water pump; and
  - Use of water from small water bodies (approximately 30 cubic meters per day).
- Use of Bathurst Inlet Lodge and local staff for accommodations;
- Use of a helicopter for daily transport of personnel, supplies and equipment between camp and drill sites;
- Use of a fixed-winged aircraft to transport personnel, supplies and equipment to and from Bathurst Inlet Lodge;
- Use and storage of fuel at Bathurst Inlet Lodge and at temporary drilling sites fuel caches:
  - 12,300 liters of aviation fuel;
  - 10,250 liters of diesel fuel;
  - 1,025 liters of gasoline; and
  - 1,000 liters of propane;
- Generation of waste:
  - Combustible wastes generated by drilling will be transported to Bathurst Inlet Lodge to be incinerated;
  - Hazardous waste will be collected and transported for recycling or disposal at an approved facility;

- Non-combustible waste will be collected and transported to an approved facility off-site; and
- For human waste, a pit will be dug for a portable toilet and will be backfilled upon completion of the drilling activities.

### ***Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List***

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online Public Registry [www.nirb.ca/project/125661](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125661) and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination and Project Dashboard*
- *NIRB Application in English and Inuinnaqtun*
- *KIA Lands Application*
- *Fuel Management Plan*
- *Spill Prevention and Response Plan*
- *Waste Management Plan*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online Public Registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Rae-co Consulting LTD project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 29, 2022**.

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 or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal including if a Review is required any additional factors that should be considered as part of that process.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes<sup>1</sup> for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal

<sup>1</sup> As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should the Proponent wish to discontinue the coordinated process, the Proponent may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125661](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125661).

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4)    Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuinnaqtun)  
                          Comment Forms (English and Inuinnaqtun)

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