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Honourable John Duncan
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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c/o Jeff Mercer, Manager Land Administration
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Via email: jeff.mercer@inac-ainc.gc.ca and landsmining@ainc-inac.gc.ca

Re: Application Exempt from NIRB Screening Pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Advanced Explorations Inc's "Tuktu" project

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On May 10, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to INAC Land Use Permit N2010C0011; this amendment has been applied for in support of Advanced Explorations Inc.'s (AEI; the Proponent) "Tuktu" project.

Please be advised that the original "Tuktu" project proposal (NIRB File No. 10EN021) was received by the NIRB from INAC on March 17, 2010 and was screened by the NIRB in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On April 27, 2010 the NIRB issued a NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (10EN021) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2010/10EN021-Advanced%20Explorations%20-%20Tuktu/>

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 10EN021), the "Tuktu" project was an iron ore exploration project located approximately 70 kilometres north of Hall Beach in the South Baffin region.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Set up of temporary/seasonal camp;
- Ground mapping and ground geophysics;
- Geological sampling;
- Diamond drilling, using 2 Boart Longyear drills;
- Environmental baseline and sampling studies;
- Archaeological studies;
- Establishment of fuel cache areas;
- Two-stage burning incineration;
- Usage of one (1) Eurocopter A-star 350B2 helicopter for personnel transportation, drill moves, and supplies;
- Usage of four (4) Honda ATVs and snowmobiles for transportation;
- Usage of one (1) industrial diesel generator; and,
- Usage of three (3) piston water pumps.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

AEI is currently applying for an amendment to its INAC Land Use Permit N2010C0011 for a proposed increase in the number of personnel on camp from twenty (20) to thirty (30) and a proposed increase in the number of sleeping tents by three (3) or four (4) in support of its exploration program for the “Tuktu” project.

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, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from INAC 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 exempt 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 Screening Decision Reports to INAC dated April 27, 2010 (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Kofi Boa-Antwi, Assistant Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4609 or kboa-antwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 10EN021 (April 27, 2010)