

**NIRB File No.: 10EN021**  
AANDC File No.: 2010C0011

April 17, 2012

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**Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3  
of the NLCA: Advanced Explorations Inc.'s "Tuktu" project**

Dear Bernie MacIsaac:

On April 2, 2012, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) for access to Inuit Owned Lands for Advanced Explorations Inc.'s (AEI; the Proponent) "Tuktu" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original “Tuktu” project proposal (NIRB File No. 10EN021) was received by the NIRB from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada or AANDC) 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 the enclosed 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.

On May 10, 2011, the NIRB received an application for an amendment from INAC to the Land Use Permit (No. N2010C0011) associated with the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the amendment request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on May 17, 2011.

On March 12, 2012, the NIRB received an application for an extension from AANDC to Land Use Permit (No. N2010C0011) associated with the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the amendment request, the NIRB determined that the application request may result in a change to the original scope of the project; however, the proposed activities were not likely to *significantly* change the scope of the original project activities. On April 10, 2012, the Board reissued the terms and conditions as included within the original April 27, 2010 screening

decision report, as well as issuing *additional* terms and conditions to address the amended activities.

The current QIA application, the April 10, 2012 NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 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.

The additional activities/components associated with the Proponent's May 10, 2011 application for an amendment to its AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2010C0011) included:

- An increase in the number of personnel on camp from twenty (20) to thirty (30); and
- An increase in the number of sleeping tents by three (3) or four (4).

The additional activities/components associated with the Proponent's March 12, 2012 application for an extension to its AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2010C0011) included:

- Seasonal on-ice drilling for mineral exploration or geotechnical studies; and
- Expansion of the current permit boundaries to:
  - 68° 35'N, 82° 0'W
  - 69° 5'N, 82° 0'W
  - 69° 5'N, 83° 30'W
  - 68° 35'N, 83° 30'W

CURRENT APPLICATION:

AEI is currently applying for access to Inuit Owned Lands in support of its exploration program for the “Tuktu” project from April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2014.

All proposed activities associated with the current application have been previously assessed as part of the original scope of project activities and include the following:

- Staking of mineral claims;
- Conducting initial surface geologic mapping and sampling programs;
- Drilling to collect core and chip samples for geological modeling etc.;
- Using camp facilities at adjacent Tuktu and Roche Bay project sites;
- Using overland vehicles including snowmobiles for transportation; and
- Storing fuel on site (1, 350 gallons each of diesel and Jet B aviation fuel, and 675 gallons of unleaded gasoline).

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 QIA 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 the requirement for screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the April 10, 2012 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 10EN021 (April 10, 2012)