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Via email: gary@advanced-exploration.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Advanced Explorations Inc.'s "Western Project" Project Proposal

Dear Gary Williams:

On May 27, 2011, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Advanced Explorations Inc.'s "Western Project" project proposal from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA). On May 30, 2011, this project proposal was referred to the NIRB for screening by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). On June 28, 2011, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file and commenced screening the project proposal. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number **11EN037** – please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

The proposed project is located approximately 155 kilometres northeast of the community of Hall Beach, Baffin Region. The objective of the proposed project is to conduct an early stage mineral exploration program. The program is proposed to take place from summer 2011 to spring/summer 2013.

The proposed project activities would include:

- Prospecting, geological mapping, sampling, and ground geophysical surveys;
- Exploration drilling (diamond drilling);
- Helicopter supported drill program, including transportation of field crew to drill sites;
- Temporary tent camp facilities for a maximum of fifteen (15) people;
- Transporting supplies, equipment, fuel and personnel to and from the camp site using a fixed-wing aircraft and helicopter;
- Overland transportation to sites via snowmobiles and skidded equipment;
- Fuel and chemical storage at camp site (10,250 litres diesel, 10,250 litres aviation fuel, 5,125 litres gasoline, 1,500 pounds propane, and 10,000 kilograms calcium chloride);
- Temporary storage of other chemicals and hazardous materials on site;
- Water use for drilling purposes and camp activities;

- Disposal of sewage, greywater and waste generated from camp operations;
- Incineration of combustible waste; and
- Removal of non-combustible and hazardous waste to an approved disposal facility.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal (NIRB File No. 11EN037) can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/> including:

- *Non-technical Project Summary (English and Inuktitut)*
- *QIA Land Use License Application (English)*
- *INAC Land Use Permit Application (English)*
- *Maps*
- *Work Plan*
- *Oil and Hazardous Material Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Job Safety Plan*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*

Pursuant to Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

Be advised that the NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by your project proposal. Interested parties are encouraged to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 21, 2011**.

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 and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at (867) 983-4609 or kboa-antwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)