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Via email: eturner@laurentian.ca

Re: Application Acknowledgement for Dr. Elizabeth Turner's Renewal and an Amendment Request of the NRI Permit for the "Architecture, evolution and metallogeny of Mesoproterozoic sedimentary basins of the eastern Canadian Arctic Islands" project

Dear Elizabeth Turner:

On February 9, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) for both a renewal and an amendment (with new sample locations) to your NRI Permit associated with "Architecture, evolution and metallogeny of Mesoproterozoic sedimentary basins of the eastern Canadian Arctic Islands" project. On June 8, 2010 the Nunavut Planning Commission communicated to the NIRB that it had determined that the project conformed to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and that the terms to which the proponent agreed to March 6, 2009 were still in effect.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 09YN014) was received by the NIRB from NRI on Feb 13, 2009. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on March 31, 2009 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Education indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Project components/activities included the following:

- Stratigraphy, sedimentology, mapping and sampling of mineralized material of the three basins of northern Nunavut;
- Research information and lithological samples will be collected, on foot, at each of the nine (9) research locations;
- Temporary camp sites at each sampling location for a total of 9 camps;
- Temporary camp fuel storage;
- Helicopter supported research (pick-up and drop-off at each camp site);
- Incineration of combustible material and removal to municipal disposal facility;

- Removal of non-combustible material to municipal disposal facility; and
- Use of water and production of wastes.

Renewal and Amendment Request

Elizabeth Turner is proposing to renew the NRI Permit for this project for a period of one year until December 31, 2010, and amend the NRI Permit by adding five new project locations and carrying over one. All project locations are listed below.

- Cuming Inlet (new location)
- Hunting River (carry over from last year)
- Clarence Head (new location)
- Cape Combermere (new location)
- Stanfield Point (new location)
- Gale Point (new location)

The current NRI application and the original NIRB screening file, 09YN014, are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2009_SCREENINGS/09YN014-Elizabeth%20Turner/

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.”*

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the renewal is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the March 31, 2009 Screening Decision (enclosed), along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 16, 2010**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself at kgillard@nirb.ca or by phone (867) 983-4619.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 09YN014 (March 31, 2009)