



NIRB File No.: 09YN014
NRI File No.: 02118011R-M

February 27, 2012

The Honourable Dan Shewchuk
Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
Government of Nunavut
c/o Mosha Cote, Manager, Research Liaison
Nunavut Research Institute
Box 1720
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Sent via Email: Mosha.Cote@arcticcollege.ca

Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Laurentian University – Elizabeth Turner’s “Architecture Evolution & Metallogeny of Mesoproterozoic Sedimentary Basins of the Eastern Canadian Arctic Islands” project

Dear Mosha Cote:

On February 13, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) for a renewal of the Scientific Research License (No. 02118011R-M) for Laurentian University – Elizabeth Turner’s “Architecture Evolution & Metallogeny of Mesoproterozoic Sedimentary Basins of the Eastern Canadian Arctic Islands” project. On February 17, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 09YN014) was received by the NIRB from the NRI on February 13, 2009 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On March 31, 2009 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Education, Government of Nunavut, which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB’s recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On February 9, 2010 the NIRB received an application from the NRI for an amendment/renewal to the Scientific Research License for the above mentioned project and on June 8, 2010 the NIRB received confirmation from the NPC that its original conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) would continue to apply to the proposed amended activities. After a thorough assessment of the amendment/renewal request, the NIRB determined that the

application was exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on June 18, 2010.

On February 3, 2011 the NIRB received an application from the NRI for a renewal to the Scientific Research License for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the renewal request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on February 8, 2011.

The current NRI application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No. 09YN014) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2009/>.

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 09YN014), this project was located within the Qikiqtani region, around the communities of Arctic Bay, Pond Inlet, and Igloolik. The Proponent indicated that it intended to identify areas where economic mineral deposits might be present in northern Nunavut.

The activities and components associated with the previously screened proposal included:

- Stratigraphy, sedimentology, mapping and sampling of mineralized material of the three basins of northern Nunavut;
- Research information and lithological samples to be collected on foot at each of the nine 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; and,
- Removal of non-combustible material to municipal disposal facility.

The February 9, 2010 amendment application included the addition of seven camping and sample collection sites.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

The Proponent is proposing to renew its Scientific Research License (NRI File No. 02118011R-M) to continue with previously permitted research activities, specifically around the community of Arctic Bay between June 2012 and August 2014.

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 in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed renewal 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 pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original March 31, 2009 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director

cc: Elizabeth Turner, Laurentian University
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Jeff Mercer, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Robert St. Eloi, Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 09YN014 (March 31, 2009)