



NIRB File No. 10QN050

July 30, 2010

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Via email: sao_ab@qiniq.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for the Hamlet of Arctic Bay's "Arctic Bay Quarry" project proposal

Dear Joeli Qamanirq:

On June 14, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Hamlet of Arctic Bay's (Hamlet) "Arctic Bay Quarry" project proposal from the Government of Nunavut Department of Community and Government Services (GN-CGS). On June 18, 2010 the NIRB issued correspondence to your office requesting that the proposal be forwarded to the Nunavut Planning Commission for a conformity determination against the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. On June 22, 2010 the NIRB received confirmation from the Nunavut Planning Commission that the proposed project would not require a conformity determination.

After undertaking an internal preliminary completeness check, the NIRB found that the project proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information to permit proper screening. On July 6, 2010 the NIRB issued correspondence to the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, requesting that project-specific information be requested on or before July 27, 2010. As of July 29, 2010, the NIRB had received all of the information requested. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **10QN050** – please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The proposed project is located within the municipal boundary of the hamlet of Arctic Bay, Qikiqtani region. The program as proposed involves the ongoing use of the quarry for the extraction of granular materials to be used in support of municipal and other industrial undertakings. The proposed quarry site contains an estimated 200,000 cubic metres of granular materials that the Hamlet plans to extract (or permit others to extract) on an as-needed basis.

The proposed project activities include:

- Extraction of granular materials employing methods that do not involve blasting or the use of explosives;
- Use of heavy equipment to include a D6R CAT Dozer, CAT 938 Loader, dump truck and top kick, as well as rock crushers and sorters;

- Access to proposed quarry site via existing access roads and trails within the municipality of Arctic Bay;
- Potential establishment of temporary buildings on site to house materials, tools, and small equipment associated with the quarry; and
- Prior to construction of the quarry, a detailed site assessment is to be undertaken following approval of the Quarry Management Agreement currently pending between the GN-CGS and the Hamlet of Arctic Bay. Assessment is to include material type(s), estimated volumes and area.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/10QN050-GN-CGS%20Arctic%20Bay%20Quarry/1-SCREENING/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Form in English*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *Email from the NPC Re Conformity Determination*
- *Arctic Bay Quarry Administration Agreement*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 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.

The NIRB is copying parties potentially affected by the hamlet of Arctic Bay's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **August 20, 2010**.

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 867-983-4615 or ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Amanda Hanson'.

Amanda Hanson
Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List
 Anna Qaunaq, Hamlet of Arctic Bay
 Nathaniel Joanasie, GN-CGS

Enclosures (2): NIRB English Comment Form
 NIRB Inuktitut Comment Form