

NOTICE OF INDICATION NIRB FILE NO.: 09AN034

June 2, 2009

Siu-Ling Han Head, Eastern Arctic Unit Canadian Wildlife Service Iqaluit, NU John Amagoalik Director of Lands and Resources Qikiqtani Inuit Association Iqaluit, NU

Via email: Siu-Ling.Han@ec.gc.ca and lands@qia.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Canadian Arctic Holidays' Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary Project Proposal

Dear Siu-Ling Han and John Amagoalik:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Environment (Canadian Wildlife Service or CWS) and to Thomas Alikatuktuk, President of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) for Canadian Arctic Holidays' *Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary* in the Qikiqtani Region.

The NIRB has assessed this Project Proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4** (a) which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File Number 09AN034, signed on June 2, 2009 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to the CWS and the QIA and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of the authority of both the CWS and the QIA to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that both the CWS and the QIA send a hardcopy of the authorization each will issue with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject Project Proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

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Please contact Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at 867-983-4605 or lpayette@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Amanda Hanson Technical Advisor

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB

Richard Weber, Canadian Arctic Holidays