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Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Qikiqtaaluk Corporation’s “Road between Clyde River and Cape Christian – Road Abandonment Activities” Project Proposal

Dear Jeremiah Groves:

On May 19, 2011, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Qikiqtaaluk Corporation’s “Road between Clyde River and Cape Christian – Road Abandonment Activities” project proposal from the Government of Nunavut Department of Community and Government Services (GN-CGS). On June 9, 2011, the NIRB received confirmation from the Nunavut Planning Commission that the previous conformity determination made related to the original project application was to be applied to the current application.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08RN070) was received by the NIRB from GN-CGS on June 18, 2008 and screened in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 24, 2008, the NIRB issued a 12.4.4 (a) screening decision to the Minister of GN-CGS indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB’s recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On September 14, 2009, the NIRB received an application from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) for an amendment to Qikiqtaaluk Corporation’s “Clyde River Road and Bridge” project (NIRB File No.: 08RN070). After a thorough assessment of the amendment application, including comments received from the public, the NIRB re-issued the original terms and conditions (July 24, 2008), along with additional terms and conditions as outlined in a September 30, 2009 Screening Decision Report to the Minister of DFO.

On May 13, 2010, the NIRB received a quarry permit application from GN-CGS in support of Qikiqtaaluk Corporation’s “Clyde River Road and Bridge” project (NIRB File No.: 08RN070). After a thorough assessment of the amendment application, including comments received from the public, the NIRB determined that the request would result in a change to the original scope of the project and re-issued the original terms and conditions (July 24, 2008), along with additional

terms and conditions as outlined in the enclosed July 4, 2010 Screening report to the Minister of GN-CGS.

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 08RN070), Qikiqtaaluk Corporation's "Clyde River Road and Bridge" project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region, within and adjacent to the community of Clyde River. The Proponent indicated that it intended to reconstruct a road between the community of Clyde River and Cape Christian, in support of its remediation activities at the former LORAN site at Cape Christian, and was scheduled to commence in September 2008. Activities proposed included:

- Installation of a free- span bridge over the Clyde River
- Installation of culverts in shallow streams
- Grading of road between Clyde River and the former LORAN site at Cape Christian

The additional components/activities associated with the September 14, 2009 amendment to the Fisheries Act authorization No. 07-HCAA-CA7-00004 included:

- Installation of two (2) culverts in an unnamed stream

The activities/components associated with the May 13, 2010 quarry permit application to the GN-CGS included:

- Developing a number of quarries along the road in support of the project.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Qikiqtaaluk Corporation has completed the remediation works at the Cape Christian site and is now proposing to decommission the road between the Hamlet of Clyde River and Cape Christian. The proposed activities will include the following:

- Removal of all culverts and re-establishing of pre-existing drainage courses along the road;
- Using bulldozers and other heavy equipment to re-grade the road to its original ground profile;
- Scarifying disturbed surfaces to promote natural vegetation cover;
- Backfilling trenches and ditches;
- Disposal of non-recyclable inert materials at municipal landfill in Clyde River; and
- Disposal of all sewage and greywater at municipal treatment facilities in Clyde River;

The current GN-CGS application, the original NIRB screening file, 08RN070, and related documents are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2008/08RN070-Qikiqtaaluk%20Corporation%20-%20Clyde%20River%20Road%20%26%20Bridge/>

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 has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project. However, the NIRB is of the opinion that the proposed activities are 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 attached Screening Decision Report, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 4, 2011**.

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 me at kboa-antwi@nirb.ca or by phone (867) 983-4609.

Sincerely,



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cc: Distribution List
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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Reports, File No.: 08RN070 (June 4, 2010)
Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)