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**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Aziz Kheraj's "Ennadai Lake Lodge" Project Proposal**

Dear Aziz Kheraj:

On March 10, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Aziz Kheraj's (Proponent) "Ennadai Lake Lodge" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC). On March 11, 2015 the NIRB received a screening referral from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **15TN012** – please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On March 23, 2015 the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information in support of this proposal by April 6, 2015. On April 9, 2015 the NIRB distributed correspondence to the Minister of AANDC requesting an extension to the screening deadline due to the requirement for additional information related to the proposal. On April 21, 2015 the NIRB received the requested additional information to proceed with the screening.

The proposed project would be located on crown land along the shore of the Ennadai Lake, Somerset Island, in the Kivalliq region. The Proponent has requested permission for the use of land with regards to tourism, sport fishing, hunting lodge, including upgrade to an existing airstrip and quarrying activities. The Proponent has additionally indicated its intention to take visitors out by boat or foot in the fall and by snowmobile in the spring to watch and photograph migrating caribou from the Qamanirjuaq herd. Tourism activities are proposed to commence in May 2015, with upgrades to the airstrip anticipated to take place in the summer of 2015 and 2016.

The proposed project activities include:

#### Lodging and Tourism Activities:

- Guest accommodation based primarily out of the established Arctic Haven Lodge, with a capacity of 10-24 guests per week in April to June and August to September;
- Transportation of guests around the area, on the lake by motor boat in the summer and snow mobile in the spring;
- Tourism to include specific activities such as wildlife viewing, hiking, snowmobiling, skiing, sea kayaking, kite-skiing and fishing;
- Retrieval of GPS coordinates of caribou collared by the Government of Nunavut and Federal Governments in order to locate suitable areas for viewing caribou;
- Use of an aircraft for guest pickups and drop offs, including transportation of goods to and from the proposed site location.

#### Infrastructure Upgrades and Mobilization:

- General upgrade of existing airstrip, including water spraying onto the airstrip to facilitate compaction;
- Utilization of an area of approximately 100 meters by 100 metres for quarrying activities, and crushing of extracted gravel materials; as well as stockpiling of crushed rock at the end of the airstrip in 2015 to be used in the following year;
- Conduct pitting operations in a 50 metres by 20 metres footprint to allow for removal of sand and rock from a small hill;
- Retrieval of up to 3 cubic metres of water from Ennadai Lake using electric pump;
- Use of boats, snowmobile, and heavy equipment such as dump trucks, gravel crusher, vibratory drum compactor and compact track loaders for haulage of gravel and water airstrip prior to compacting including guest transportation.

#### Fuel Storage and Waste Management:

- Utilize drum containment units (45 gallon drums) with secondary containment in the form of a lined berm for storage of up to 6000 litres of diesel, 3000 litres of gasoline, 4000 litres of aviation fuel, 500 litres of engine oil, with an additional storage of up to 20 containers of propane in 100 pounds tanks;
- Onsite incineration of combustible solid wastes, with non-combustible wastes, including bulky items/scraps and hazardous wastes or oil returned to Yellowknife for proper disposal;
- Use of septic tanks for disposal and treatment of grey water and sewage.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15TN012-Aziz%20Kheraj-Ennadai%20Lake%20Lodge/> including:

- *NPC conformity determination*
- *NPC Questionnaire*
  - *NPC Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (Appendix H-DIAND Caribou Protection Measures)*
  - *NPC Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (Appendix G-Code of Good Conduct for Land Users)*

- *AANDC Application for AANDC Land Use Permit*
- *AANDC Application for Quarry Permit Land Use Permit*
- *AANDC Application for Quarry Permit*
- *AANDC Lease Inspection Report, including Appendix 1-2*
- *AANDC Referral*
- *Image of existing trail and location of proposed Quarry site.*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement form in English*
- *Aerial Maps showing specific locations of proposed project sites including all proposed activities, oil spill response, lodge with equipment locations;*
- *Arviat Hunters and Trapper Organization letter of support*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*
- *Oil Spill Contingency Plan*

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 and municipalities potentially affected by Aziz Kheraj project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 18, 2015**.

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](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or [samuno@nirb.ca](mailto:samuno@nirb.ca)

Sincerely,



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cc:      Distribution List  
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         Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association  
         Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

Enclosures (2):      Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)