



as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on November 18, 2009.

On February 18, 2010 the NIRB received an amendment request from INAC to include the construction of a temporary winter road between the Ham Lake camp and Izok Lake under Land Use Permit N2006C0027 for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the project proposal, the amendment application information and the comments received, in accordance with Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, the Board determined that this request would result in a change to the original scope of the project. Therefore, on March 22, 2010 the NIRB re-issued the recommended project-specific terms and conditions contained in the September 9, 2006 Screening Decision (NIRB file No.: 06EN066) in addition to new recommended terms and conditions designed to mitigate any potential impacts to the environment as per Section 12.4.4(a) of the NLCA.

The current extension application, both NIRB Screening Decision Reports (06EN066) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2006/>.

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 06EN066), the "Izok and Hood" project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 260 kilometres (km) from Kugluktuk. The Proponent indicated that it intended to explore for base metals on both the Izok and Hood properties.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- On-land and on-ice drilling - up to 30,000 metres (m) between the Izok property and Hood property;
- Use of existing Ham Lake camp, which had an existing 2,500 m gravel airstrip;
- Establishment of a non-permanent weather haven camp (20-40 persons);
- Fuel and chemical storage at camp consisting of:
  - 385,000 litres of diesel fuel stored in 7 fuel tanks,
  - 2,050 litres of gasoline stored in 205 litre drums,
  - 5000 pounds (lbs) of propane stored in 100 lb containers,
  - 20,500 litres of aviation fuel (Jet B) stored at airstrip,
  - Petroleum lubricants and drill additives;
- Temporary fuel storage at drill-site locations;
- Research in the areas of wildlife/fish/birds/marine and archaeology;
- Use of water for camp and drilling purposes.

The February 18, 2010 amendment included the following additional components:

- Winter access trail from Ham Lake camp to Izok Lake;
  - Winter access to include one access trail from the airstrip to Isnogouhd Lake (775 m), ice road over Isnogouhd Lake (5 km) and a second access from Isnogouhd to Izok Lake (450 m);
  - Winter access to be prepared with a Bobcat, a front end loader and a grader;

- Winter access to be used for crew changes twice daily and drill resupply once daily between March and May; and
- Movement of drummed fuel over trail.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

MMG is proposing to extend its INAC Land Use Permit N2006C0027 for one year to continue mineral exploration activities on the Izok property.

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 extension 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 screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the March 22, 2010 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

Although the proposed extension does not require further screening by the NIRB, the Proponent has been advised that a number of its reporting requirements to the NIRB remain outstanding. Specifically, there are several outstanding documents that were requested in the original Screening Decision Report dated September 9, 2006 as well as the reissued Screening Decision Report dated March 22, 2010, including:

- A Wildlife Management Plan requested by October 15, 2006 outlined in item 7 of the project-specific terms and conditions;
- Prior to the 2007 and 2008 drilling seasons, work plans must be submitted no later than January 31 detailing the amount of drilling estimated to take place during the season, along with any maps detailing these drill locations;
- Annual Reports for all years of activity on both the “Izok and Hood” properties to be submitted by January 31 each year as outlined in item 8 of the project-specific terms and conditions.

Recent conversations between the NIRB and MMG have resulted in a commitment from the Proponent to forward a submission to the Board as soon as possible which will satisfy all outstanding reporting requirements. By copy of this letter MMG is reminded to forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Arko, Assistant Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Autut', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephanie Autut  
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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 06EN066 (March 22, 2010)