



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 07LN014**

April 3, 2007

Jeff Holwell
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Via email: HolwellJ@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Notice of Indication for Robert Zubrin's Research Facility, Lease Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Holwell:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Robert Zubrin's Research Facility, Lease Project Proposal in the Qikiqtani Region.

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 07LN014, signed on April 3, 2007 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq has been issued to INAC, and is subject the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

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

Please contact Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration at 867-983-4611 or lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Leslie Payette

Leslie Payette
Manager of Environmental Administration

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report

Cc Honourable Mr. Jim Prentice, Minister INAC
Robert Zubrin, Mars Society