

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 12DA002), the “FOX-3, Dewar Lakes-Site Demobilization” project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region (North and South Baffin), approximately 300 kilometres (km) west of Qikiqtarjuaq. The Proponent indicated that it intended to demobilize its equipment and camp from FOX-3 Dewar Lakes DEW Line Site to a staging area and hand intended to complete its remediation during the 2012 season.

The activities and components associated with the previously screened proposal included:

- Transportation of a 25-man crew between FOX-3 Dewar Lakes site and Kangok Fjord by air via a twin otter aircraft equipped with skis and by land using snowmobiles;
- Installation of a temporary camp and seasonal clearing of the airstrip in Kangok Fjord;
- Use of existing camp at FOX-3 Dewar Lakes site by crew;
- Installation of one (1) temporary survival trailer halfway between FOX-3 Dewar Lakes site and Kangok Fjord to serve as a relay point for radio communications;
- Use of snowmobiles to evaluate and validate an overland route between the DEW Line site and Kangok Fjord for the transportation of demobilized material, and for scouting and communication;
- Transportation of the demobilized equipment, camp, and containerized contaminated soils via sleighs using tractors and bulldozers via a 100 km overland route from the FOX-3 Dewar Lakes site to Kangok Fjord;
- Storage of demobilized material at a staging area in Kangok Fjord until backhaul by sealift to an approved disposal site in the South;
- Storage and use of 200,000 litres (L) of diesel fuel and 4,000 L of gasoline for the project; and
- Disposal of wastes generated during the proposed project at approved sites, with garbage to be incinerated at the FOX-3 site in Dewar Lakes and sewage and grey water to be containerized and sent south for disposal.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Biogenie is currently requesting an extension to its land use permit for one additional year to conduct previously permitted activities, specifically to demobilize remediation equipment via sealift to southern sites.

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 the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original February 27, 2012 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 12DA002 (February 27, 2012)