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Re: Application Acknowledgement for Environment Canada's Land Use Permit Amendment Application with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the "Eureka Weather Station Facility" Project

Dear Marc Ste-Marie:

On June 29, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received notice from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) that the amendment application for Environment Canada's "Eureka Weather Station Facility" did not require a supplemental conformity determination and re-issued the terms and conditions associated with its previous April 19, 2015 positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan). On June 30, 2015 the NIRB received the amendment application for Land Use Permit (N2012N0012) from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) as well as a new Quarry Permit application associated with Environment Canada's "Eureka Weather Station Facility" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 12XN020) was received by the NIRB from AANDC on April 19, 2012. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on May 30, 2012 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. The project activities included:

- Operations and maintenance of all of the existing Eureka infrastructure, specifically:
 - Airstrip and all access roads,
 - Tankfarm and fuel supply system,
 - Water and sewage lagoons,
 - Heating and electricity,
 - Biotreatment cell (landfarm),
 - Disposal/burning of non-hazardous landfill,
 - Hazardous materials collected and barged off site to be disposed of appropriately, and
 - Accommodations, laboratories, and general storage and warehousing.

- Ongoing use of the Eureka as a base camp and logistical support/staging areas for other entities/organizations such as the Department of National Defence and NRCan's Polar Continental Shelf Program.

Amendment

Environment Canada is proposing to amend its Land Use Permit (AANDC No. N2012N0012) and apply for additional Quarry Permits to upgrade the infrastructure at site between August 2015 and September 2017, specifically:

- Construction of a new airside apron and rehabilitation of existing airstrip, airside apron and access road at the Eureka Weather Station Facility; and
- Removal of up to 160,900 cubic metres of aggregate from the existing Black Top Creek Quarry.

The NIRB has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project.

The AANDC application and the original NIRB screening file (12XN020) are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2012/12XN020-Environment%20Canada%20-%20Eureka%20Station/>.

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 is of the opinion that the request for the amendment is 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 May 30, 2012 Screening Decision, 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 **September 14, 2015**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the inclusion of the additionally proposed component(s) and/or activity(ies) 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 require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4615 or dstpierre@nirb.ca

Sincerely,



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NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 12XN020 (*May 30, 2012*)