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Socio Economic Comments

Local Development in the Area

The Department of Economic Development and Transportation (ED&T) is pleased that the Proponent intends to utilize local business and employ local residents now and in the future to support their Project. However, it is not immediately clear whether 'local' will include a Nunavut community since Lac Brochet, Manitoba and Arviat, Nunavut are both identified as closest in proximity to the Project.

Nunavut's *Mineral Exploration and Mining Strategy*, most notably Policy 3-1, companies are encouraged to use a Nunavut community as a logistical centre for operations to help stimulate long-term economic development. Hiring locally is desirable, especially when there is an opportunity for ongoing employment.

ED&T requests that the Proponent confirm that Arviat will be used as a source of labour and re-supply the Kiyuk Lake camp.

Community Involvement and Consultation

The NIRB Part 2 Summary Application Form (PSIR) indicates that the Proponent intends to conduct community consultations in Arviat and Rankin Inlet, however, there is no timeline presented for such events to take place.

An update regarding the community consultations is recommended. If none have occurred and no dates have been set, ED&T suggests the Proponent keep in mind that communities have their own agendas and to ensure meaningful participation they should give sufficient advance notice and avoid any conflicting dates when selecting a meeting time.

For additional information on community consultations in Nunavut please refer to the GN's - *Consulting with Communities in Nunavut – A Guide to Community Consultation for the Mineral Exploration and Mining Sector*.

Heritage Resources in Area

The Department of Culture and Heritage (C&H) conducted an electronic database search for archaeological sites in the Nueltin Lake Project area (15 km radius) which did not result in any discovery of heritage sites to date. However, two sites have been reported 15km+ from the drilling site in the 1970s; another one 50 km north of the drilling site. This result does not mean there are no sites on or near the drilling locations.

Consequently, the proponent needs to appreciate that any archaeological sites in the area of activity are protected by the Archaeological and Paleontological Site Regulations; and, that the proponent will be held accountable if any heritage site is disturbed.

Ideally, an archaeologist should have been hired at the outset to inspect the drill locations and who could have advised the client and the GN on any mitigation that is needed.