



NIRB File No.: 13QN015  
AANDC File No.: N2013Q0010

July 15, 2015

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**Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Qillaq Innovations' "Cambridge Bay Quarries for Infrastructure" project, Kitikmeot Region**

Dear Tracey McCaie:

On May 28, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an extension to AANDC Land Use Permit N2013Q0010 for Qillaq Innovations' (5140 Nunavut Ltd. or Qillaq) "Cambridge Bay Quarries for Infrastructure" project proposal. The Board notes that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file, as the proposed project is located within a region that does not currently have an approved land use plan in place (Kitikmeot Region).

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 13QN015) was received by the NIRB from AANDC on May 7, 2013 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 12, 2013 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 13QN015) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2013/13QN015-Qillaq%20Innovations-Quarry/>.

#### PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 13QN015), the “Cambridge Bay Quarries for Infrastructure” project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 8 kilometres (km) southwest of the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay on land owned by the Department of National Defense (administered by AANDC) and Transport Canada, within the municipal boundary of Cambridge Bay. The four proposed quarries would be used to supply aggregate for Hamlet infrastructure projects between June 1, 2013 and August 15, 2015.

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

- Extract aggregate from the four (4) previously unscreened quarries:
  - Use of heavy equipment (i.e., loader, track hoe, tandem trucks and gravel crusher);
  - No fuel stored on site; fuel truck to be brought to site daily to a designated re-fuelling site;
  - All sewage and garbage will be removed from site and disposed of appropriately;
  - Disturbed areas to be left in stable condition once the work has been completed and placement of overburden left in a stable area identified for restoration; and
- Transportation of aggregate via haul truck to two separate stockpiles located within the Hamlet.

#### CURRENT APPLICATION:

Qillaq is currently proposing to extend its Land Use Permit N2013Q0010 with AANDC for one year to continue previously approved quarrying activities.

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 July 12, 2013 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Davin St. Pierre, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4615 or [dstpierre@nirb.ca](mailto:dstpierre@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Sandi Gillis, Qillaq Innovations  
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board  
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Jeannie Ehloak, Mayor for the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay  
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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 13QN015 (*July 12, 2013*)