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Via electronic mail to: info@nirb.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Nunavut Excavating 2007 Inc.'s "Cambridge Bay Material Extraction and Quarrying" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Morrison,

On July 17, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Nunavut Excavating 2007 Inc.'s "Cambridge Bay Material Extraction and Quarrying" project proposal. Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;

INAC is unable to offer comments on whether the proposed project is likely to arouse significant public concern since the project application does not contain any detailed records of community engagement/consultation activities undertaken by the Proponent to discuss the proposed activities. INAC recommends that the Proponent conduct community consultations prior to submitting the project proposal and at the start of new activities.

Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

Reclamation and Closure

The Proponent has submitted a project proposal to develop a quarry to provide material for current and future developments in the community of Cambridge Bay. INAC notes



that within the proposal, the listed end of operation is the current year of 2017, yet the proposal describes using the quarry annually. INAC recommends the proponent clarify the proposed end date of the period of operation. INAC also notes there are no plans for post-closure reclamation of the quarry site. INAC recommends that the Proponent provide details on the remediation techniques to be applied during the quarry closure phase and also outline, within the detailed reclamation plan, the expectations for the proposed post-closure reclamation.

Dust

As the proposed quarry would be established adjacent to an existing gravel pit being used by the Hamlet of Cambridge Bay, the increased propagation of dust through the vehicular traffic to, from and at the site could adversely impact vegetation and wildlife habitat. INAC recommends the Proponent incorporate mitigation measures for such potential effects into the design and planning of the project, and include such measures in a quarry management plan. INAC also recommends that users of the quarry are made aware of the chosen mitigation measures.

INAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Julia Prokopick at (867) 975-4567 or by e-mail at Julia.Prokopick@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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