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Re: Notice of Screening for the Government of Nunavut's "Kugaaruk Quarry Sites" project proposal

Dear Danny Zita:

On August 31, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Kugaaruk Quarry Sites" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan.

Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **21QN041**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On August 31, 2021 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

On September 21, 2021 the NIRB released a formal correspondence requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. The NIRB followed up on two occasions via email (October 14, 2021 & October 18, 2021) requesting an update on when the information would be provided, including releasing a second formal letter on October 8, 2021 pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*. On October 26,

2021 the Proponent provided the requested information and the NIRB commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125641.

Project:	Kugaaruk Quarry Sites
Region:	Kitikmeot
Location:	Within the municipal boundaries of the community of Kugaaruk
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to extract aggregate from four (4) quarry sites to meet the construction demands of the community of Kugaaruk.
Project Proposed Timeline:	July 2021 until July 2031

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Operation of four (4) quarry sites to extract aggregate for community construction needs which will remain active until all its aggregate is depleted;
- Use of existing access road(s) to quarry sites;
- Use of heavy equipment including a front-end loader, dump truck, water truck, and a crusher to crush large material; and
- Use of Hamlet's facilities and supplies for the life of the project.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125641 and include:

- *Commission Referral*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Non-Technical Summary in English, Inuinnaqtun, French and Inuktitut*
- *CGS Authorization Letter*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by the Government of Nunavut's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 22, 2021**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125641.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (4): Public Notice of Screening (English, and Inuktitut)
Comment Forms (English, and Inuktitut)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Wynter Kuliktana, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Robert Chapple, Government of Nunavut – Community & Government Services
Tracey McCaie, Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada