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**Re: Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal**

Dear Gavin Law:

On September 24, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) circulated a public notice of the screening for West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s (WKR) "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by October 15, 2024. This date was later extended to October 30, 2024, by a request from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association.

On or before October 30, 2024, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Kitikmeot Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Government of Canada
  - Crown Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
  - Environment and Climate Change Canada
  - Fisheries and Oceans Canada
  - Health Canada
  - Natural Resources Canada
  - Transport Canada
- Government of Northwest Territories
- Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization
- Athabasca Denesųłiné NéNé Land Corporation
- Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board
- Caribou Guardians Coalition
- Inuvialuit Game Council
- Tųcho Government
- Wek'ėezhi Renewable Resources Board

All comment submissions received by the NIRB relating to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125987](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125987).

The NIRB would like to provide West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. with an opportunity to address the following questions raised from the comment submissions prior to the Board rendering its determination for this screening assessment and issuing its subsequent Screening Decision Report to the responsible Minister(s).

- *The Inuvialuit Game Council comment submission stated that there may be potential for construction of a staging area in Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories.*
  - Could WKR verify if there may be constructing or operating a staging area in Tuktoyaktuk for the proposed “Grays Bay Road and Port” project. Please clarify if the staging area is proposed, would it only be used during construction of the proposed project, or used for the life of the project?
- *The Government of Northwest Territories submission commented that an increase in shipping traffic, including icebreaking could have impacts on the Dolphin and Union caribou crossing across the Coronation Gulf*
  - Can WKR verify that they are only applying to operate the Port through the open water season and are not applying to operate year-round?
- *Grays Bay Road and Port Project – Project Proposal submitted to the NIRB for the screening of the project proposal*
  - In the document, there is description of specially outfitted fuel barges frozen in Grays Bay through the pre-construction and construction (referred to as construction). Would WRK be continuing this practice into operations or is this only required for the construction phase?
  - During construction, WRK has proposed having explosives stored at Grays Bay Port and quarries. The document also describes areas that are set aside for companies to develop for storage of explosives and/or manufacturing facilities for explosives. Does WRK require explosives during operations and would explosives be stored in the areas that were set aside for future users?
  - WRK stated that it would be constructing a seven (7) kilometre seasonal ice road between Jericho to join the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Ice Road connecting the Grays Bay Road to southern Canada. According to the literature available, the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Road went to the Lupin Mine for resupply of that project. Jericho used a seasonal ice road from the Lupin Mine to the Jericho Mine in its operations to supply its mine. Can WRK identify who would be constructing operating the ice road between Jericho and the Nunavut/Northwest Territories Border?
  - Is there any other infrastructure at the Jericho mine that the WRK is considering using for the project?

The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **November 21, 2024**.

If West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. determines that the time required to supply a written response is significantly greater than one (1) week, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Please send any forthcoming submissions directly to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or through the online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at or 867-983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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