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Sent via email: Adrian.Thompson@exp.com

Re: Notice of Screening for EXP Services Inc on behalf of Community and Government Services' "Taloyoak Sealift Improvement" project proposal

Dear Adrian Thompson:

On November 21, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the EXP Services Inc., on behalf of the Community and Government Services' (EXP/CGS; the Proponent) "Taloyoak Sealift Improvement" 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.

On February 13, 2025, the NIRB received the complete application from EXP/CGS.

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 **24XN055** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

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/126010.

Project:	Taloyoak Sealift Improvement		
Region:	Kitikmeot		
Location:	At the end of Stanners Harbour, within the municipal boundary of Taloyoak		
Closest Community:	Taloyoak	Distance (approximate)	within the hamlet's municipal boundary
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent proposes to complete a sealift improvement in Taloyoak's existing ramp area by increasing the laydown area and creating a community boat ramp.		
Project Proposed Timeline:	- Construction phase: June to October in both 2025 and 2026 - Operation and maintenance begin October 2026 and continue until 2056.		

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

- Upgrade the community resupply infrastructure at the end of the Stanners Harbour by replacing the existing ramp from 250 square meters to 5,290 square metres (approximately the size of two (2) Canadian hockey rinks) by infilling on the seafloor.
 - use approximately 33,000 cubic metres of granular materials of varied sizes into the marine waters, covering 7,150 square metres of seabed by using standard construction equipment with fuel sourced locally from the community.
 - install riprap and bouldering along underwater sections
 - install lighting structures powered by the municipal grid
- Install a boat ramp for community use.
- Extract and process granular materials from existing quarries with use of existing municipal road network to transport materials to the sealift improvement site
 - potential use of explosives in the quarries
- The Hamlet of Taloyoak would operate and maintain the ramp and laydown area for a designed operation window of 30 years once upgrade construction was complete.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

In addition to the scope as described above and pursuant to paragraph 86(1)(b) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB identified works or activities to be excluded from the scope as it did not consider it to be sufficiently related to the project to form part of it. Following consultation with the Proponent, the following works or activities were excluded from the scope of the project:

- Installation of a breakwater, and,
- Construction, operation, and/or decommissioning of a temporary camp.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/126010 by viewing the "Recent Documents" tab for the Document Dashboard and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application dated February 13, 2025*
- *Non-Technical Summary*
- *Site Photos 1-4*
- *Flora and Fauna Study*
- *Community Engagement Photo*
- *Sealift Improvement Design Drawings*
- *Table of Contents*
- *Additional Information dated February 5, 2025*
- *Granular Materials Resource Study*
- *Quarry Study*
- *AMEC Quarry Study*
- *Location of Project Proposal and Quarries*

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 EXP Services Inc. on behalf of the Community and Government Services project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 9, 2025**.

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/126010.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 1-867-233-3033 (toll-free) or lcai@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

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