



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Bronzite Exploration Corp.'s
(BEC) "Somerset Trough Project" Project Proposal



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Francis Emingak
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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Bronzite Exploration Corp.'s (BEC)
"Somerset Trough Project" Project Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On March 24, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Bronzite Exploration Corp.'s "Somerset Trough Project" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Abandonment and Restoration Plan

The Screening Decision Report, issued by the NIRB on April 19, 2024, for the Somerset Trough Project, stated the following reporting requirement (Item 2):

"The Proponent shall submit a revised and final version of the Abandonment and Restoration Plan to the Nunavut Impact Review Board, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada and Government of Nunavut- Department of Environment prior to undertaking activities in the potential development area. The revised Plan should include procedures for using native plant species for re-vegetation in order to eliminate risk of introducing invasive species to the area pursuant to the Wildlife Act."

CIRNAC notes that the most recent version of the Abandonment and Restoration Plan, dated January 25, 2025, does not describe procedures for using native plant species for re-vegetation. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent update the Abandonment and Restoration Plan to include re-vegetation procedures, to satisfy the requirement outlined in the Screening Decision Report.



CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact John MacInnis by e-mail at john.macinnis@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Richard Bingley". The script is cursive and fluid.

Richard Bingley
Manager, Impact Assessment

