



**NIRB File No.: 25EN034**

*Related to NIRB File No.: 12MN043 & 12YA007*

Commission File No.: 150635

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**Re: Notice of Screening for MMG Resources Inc's "Izok Corridor Exploration Project" proposal**

Dear Catherine Knight:

On April 16, 2025, the NIRB received a referral to screen MMG Resources Inc.'s "Izok Corridor Exploration 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. The Commission noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable regional land use plan and has determined that the project proposal is a significant modification to the previously screened works and activities associated with NIRB File 12MN043 because of the increased geographical extent and intensity of mineral exploration activities.

On April 4, 2025, the NIRB received the complete application from the Proponent. The NIRB notes that the previous mine development activities were previously screened by the NIRB under file no. 12MN043 and the previous exploration activities were previously screened by the NIRB under file no. 12YN007. However, the NIRB has determined that the current proposed activities are a significant modification to the previously assessed activities and have assigned this proposal a new file number; **NIRB File No. 25EN034** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

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 section 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 by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

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/126178](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126178).

<b>Project:</b>	Izok Corridor Exploration Project
<b>Location:</b>	Kitikmeot region, Izok Corridor: High Lake and Izok Lake areas; approximately 150 kilometres (km) east and 210 km southeast of Kugluktuk
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to amend the scope of previously approved activities to conduct mineral exploration in newly acquired mineral claim areas.
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	April 2025 to December 2028, with exploration occurring during summer, fall and/or winter seasons

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

- Conduct geophysical surveys (including EM and IP surveys);
- Conduct surface exploration drilling;
- Conduct geotechnical, core or diamond drilling programs with the use of diamond drills and reverse circulation drills;
- Conduct geoscience electromagnetic surveys (ground) and induced polarization surveys (ground);
- Conduct additional research activities which include air or ground-based surveys, mapping, sampling, staking, environmental monitoring, and archaeological studies;
- Use of camps as follows:
  - Initial use of Bluestar Gold’s Ulu Camp until the Izok and High Lake Camps are ready;
  - Use of High Lake camp with a maximum occupancy of 30 people;
  - Use of Izok Lake camp with a maximum occupancy of 30 people;
  - Use of smaller temporary camps for archaeological surveys;
  - Access to camps via float plane and fixed-wing aircraft;
- Storage of fuel and chemicals at each camp site;
- Potential use of two (2) incinerators at each camp to incinerate suitable materials and removal of all other wastes to Yellowknife for proper disposal;
- Management of drilling water and camp grey water as per the Nunavut Water Board water licence;
- Use of CAT Dozer to construct air strip on frozen lake;
- Use of helicopter and/or fixed-wing aircraft to transport personnel and equipment between camp and exploration targets;

- Use of snowmachines in winter to transport personnel and equipment between camp and exploration targets;
- Use of all-terrain vehicles in summer and fall within camp areas to move equipment and supplies;
- Use of water to support exploration activities and camp operations with total volume of water no exceeding 100 cubic metres per day; and,
- Source Project personnel, materials and services from Kitikmeot communities with on-the-job training provided as required.

### ***Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List***

The NIRB has identified that the previously assessed development and operation of a base metal mining and milling project with an estimated operating life of twelve years (12MN043) and baseline field programs at the Izok Lake property, the High Lake property, and Gray’s Bay (12YA007) as separate activities to what is currently being proposed. Further information on the activities previously approved can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/124150](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124150) and [www.nirb.ca/project/124163](http://www.nirb.ca/project/124163), respectively.

## REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126178](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126178) and include:

- Commission Conformity Determination
- Commission Application
- NIRB Online Application in English
- Non-technical Summary in English, French, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun
- Nunami Stantec Project Description
- 2011 Wildlife Management Plan
- 2021 High Lake Spill Contingency Plan
- 2023 Izok Lake Spill Contingency Plan
- 2023 NWB Water Licence Replacement Water Licences for Izok Lake and High Lake
- 2024 CIRNAC Land Use Plan for Izok Lake and High Lake
- Map of High Lake and Izok Land Use Plan
- Map of Project Overview

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 MMG Resources Inc. project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 15, 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](mailto: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/126178](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126178).

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca) or Amir Pourmahabadain at [apourmahabadain@nirb.ca](mailto:apourmahabadain@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)  
Comment Forms (English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun)

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