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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request**

Dear Jennifer Dagdick:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Hamlet of Gjoa Haven’s “Municipal Quarry Project” proposal:

- July 17, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted that the proposal is outside of an applicable regional land use plan.
- August 12, 2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned it file number **25QN060**- please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*<sup>1</sup> 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.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

<b>Location</b>	Kitikmeot region, Gjoa Haven
<b>Objective</b>	The Proponent intends to construct and operate four (4) new quarries both on Municipal land and Crown land for Gjoa Haven’s future construction and road maintenance aggregate needs.
<b>Timeline</b>	May 2026 to October 2031

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

<sup>1</sup> 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*)

- Undertakings, Works, and Activities (Summary).
  - The Hamlet proposes to develop, operate, and reclaim four new quarry sites (GH-105, GH-106, GH-107, and Quarry 2N) to supply aggregate for community infrastructure.
  - Use existing municipal road access (with minor upgrades if required).
  - Set up temporary facilities (e.g., small trailer, equipment storage)
  - Identify and avoid any flagged archaeological sites (30 m buffer).
- Site Preparation & Development.
  - Use existing municipal road access (with minor upgrades if required).
  - Truck processed aggregate to community project locations.
- Water Use & Management
  - Use ~5 m<sup>3</sup>/day of water from Swan Lake for dust suppression under existing water licence.
  - Maintain natural drainage; no water-based material washing.
- Fuel & Equipment Servicing
  - No fuel stored on-site; refueling and maintenance occur offsite where possible.
  - Respond to spills per the Spill Contingency Plan.
- Waste Management
  - Dispose of waste at the Hamlet's municipal facilities.
  - Manage overburden on-site according to the Borrow/Quarry Management Plan.
- Monitoring & Protection
  - Protection
  - Apply erosion/sediment controls.
  - Test aggregate for ARD/ML and mitigate if required.
  - Pause work when wildlife is present and maintain communication with harvesters and community users.
- Closure & Reclamation
  - Remove temporary infrastructure and equipment.
  - Stabilize slopes, re-contour quarry floor, remove waste, and revegetate where appropriate in accordance with the Borrow/Quarry Management Plan.

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

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

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/](http://www.nirb.ca/project/) including:

- *NPC Application*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Aggregate Report*
- *NIRB Application*
- *Map Overview*
- *Quarry Engagement Summary*

- *Quarry Management Plan*
- *Species at Risk*
- *Spill Contingency Plan*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by **November 21, 2025**.

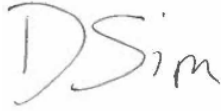
The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- 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 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/126226](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126226). Questions should be directed to the undersigned at (867)983-4618 or [dsim@nirb.ca](mailto:dsim@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

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