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Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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*Sent via email: [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca)*

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Re: NIRB 126245 / 25EN077: New Project Accepted for Aston Bay Holding's "Aston Bay Property or Storm Project"

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To the Nunavut Impact Review Board,

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on "*Aston Bay Holding's Aston Bay Property or Storm Project*".

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KitIA acknowledges that the Aston Bay Holding's "Storm Project" is proposing to conduct exploration activities including geological mapping, prospecting, geochemical sampling (rock, soil, till), along with airborne and ground geophysical surveys. Although these activities take place within the Qikiqtani Region, KitIA has provided the following comments as the proposed project falls near the Kitikmeot Region boarder.

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**Timing and Wildlife**

KitIA understands that with the exploration activities expanding the camp accommodating up to 65 people (previously 45), KitIA encourages all personnel involved in the project to remain mindful of local wildlife in the area that is shared between our regions including caribou, muskox, wolves and wolverines within the proposed project area. Crew should observe wildlife carefully and avoid causing undue disturbance, or to approach animals.

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**Operations:**

For the duration of the camp, development of the camp and exploration activities, all waste, fuel containers, and temporary infrastructure should be removed from the site at the end of operations as per permit requirements. KIA encourages adherence to "leave-no-trace" principles and recommends that all food, waste, and other potential wildlife attractants be securely stored in sealed, animal-resistant containers to minimize the risk of wildlife interactions.

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KitIA would also like to recommend that the Proponent ensure proper storage, handling and containment of all waste and fuel as well as implement preventative measures for potential spills including having appropriate spill response materials readily available.



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### **Coordination with Local Organizations**

KitIA also encourages engagement with Kitikmeot's closest regional Hunter and Trappers Association, which would be the *Taloyoak Umarulirrigut Association* for safety and planning purposes. Ongoing communication with the TO can support the understanding of land use, wildlife observations and areas of cultural importance.

If you have any question regarding the attached submission, please contact the undersigned directly at [jamagoalik@kitia.ca](mailto:jamagoalik@kitia.ca)

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read 'Jennifer Amagoalik'.

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Cc: Cory Barker, Interim Director of Lands, Environment and Resources, KIA