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Scott Close
Tundra Copper Corp
Vancouver, BC

Sent via email: scott@ethosgeo.com

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Tundra Copper Corp's "Coppermine River Drilling Program" project proposal

Dear Scott Close:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening¹ the project proposal.

By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by February 4, 2026.

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

The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry (link) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to info@nirb.ca, or by fax.

¹ 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)

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	Kitikmeot region, mineral claims 7km SW of Kugluktuk, temporary camp at the Hope Lake airstrip (~60km SW of Kugluktuk), all on Crown Land.
Objective	The Proponent intends to continue mineral exploration for copper and silver through geological, geophysical, and drilling programs, supported by the construction and operation of a temporary 50-person seasonal camp.
Timeline	March 2026 to October 2026 (annual field operations; repeated seasonally in subsequent years) Overall program window: March 2026 to February 2028, including closure activities

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

- Use fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter, or all-terrain vehicle to move equipment and supplies to camp, and access drilling locations. Wildlife will be avoided, and aircrafts will not land in the presence of wildlife except in emergencies.
- Establish, operate, maintain, and decommission temporary camp for up to 50 people, occupied from March to October.
- The exploration program will include prospecting, geological mapping, geochemical sampling, drone photogrammetry, airborne or ground geophysics, and downhole geophysics.
- Use of up to four (4) diamond drill rigs and up to two (2) reverse circulation (RC) drill rigs, with average drillhole depths of less than 400 m and total annual drilling not exceeding approximately 25,000 m. Exact drillhole locations will be determined and approved prior to ground disturbance.
- All planned drill pad and ground disturbance locations will be inspected for the presence of archaeologically significant artifacts prior to the commencement of drilling or site disturbance.
- Transport, storage, and use of up to 10,250L of diesel fuel, 41,000L of jet fuel, 4,100L of gasoline, and 5,000lbs of propane. As well as up to 72L of motor oil, 1,800L of hydraulic oil, and 240L of anti-freeze coolants.
- Use up to 299m³ of water per day from approved waterbodies for camp operations and drilling subject to regulatory authorization.
- All waste will be incinerated on site or shipped back to approved waste depot in Kugluktuk or Yellowknife, in accordance with regulatory guidelines.
- Greywater and drilling overburden contained in sumps and managed in accordance with approved waste and environmental management plans.

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.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 or jtakkiruk@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Jordan Takkiruk
Impact Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

cc: Distribution List
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