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Re: **Notice of Screening and Comment Request for 1517081 B.C. LTD "Victory Lake" project proposal**

Dear Alexandre Jones Vilela da Silva:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening<sup>1</sup> 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 March 31, 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 [www.nirb.ca/project/126345](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126345) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or by fax.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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 proposal*

<b>Location</b>	Kivalliq region, Victory Lake 180 kilometers (km) west of Rankin Inlet and 180 km south of Baker Lake
<b>Objective</b>	The Proponent proposes a small short-term mineral exploration program with diamond drilling up to 20 small holes, basic geology mapping and small rock and soil sampling. The goal is to confirm historic exploration results and collect new information to better understand the potential for minerals including silver, zinc, lead, copper, and gold.
<b>Timeline</b>	Operations: July 2026 to August 2028 - Seasonal

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- No permanent structures are proposed, operations will be based out of existing community accommodations, permitted seasonal camps, or local fishing huts
- Use of fixed-wing aircraft, helicopter, snowmobiles, or snow cats to move equipment, personnel and supplies, access drilling locations, geophysics ground methods and/or airborne surveys
- Use of snow cats and snowmobiles traveling over snow/ice cover to avoid ground disturbance to transport drilling equipment and personnel
- Use of a diamond drill rig, solids removal equipment, heater, generator, water pump, and a survival shack for drill operations
- Storage, and use of up to 41,000 liters of diesel, 41,000 liters of aviation fuel, 1,000lbs of propane, 2,050 liters of gasoline, 200 liters of oil, 200 liters of lubricants, 200 liters of drill additives
- Use of up to 50m<sup>3</sup> of water per day from large lakes within the project area
- Waste managed by back hauling to an approved facility in Rankin Inlet, Baker Lake, Whale Cove, or Yellowknife in approved sealed containers

### *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 ext. 570 or [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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