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Honourable Dan Shewchuk
Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
Government of Nunavut
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Via email: mosha.cote@arcticcollege.ca

Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Queens University-Scott Lamoureux's "Land and water Research at the Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory" project

Dear Mosha Cote:

On March 21, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI) for a renewal to multi-year Scientific Research License No. 02 074 10R-M for Queens University - Scott Lamoureux's "Land and Water Research at the Cape Bounty Arctic Watershed Observatory (CBAWO)" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 03YN010) was received by the NIRB from NRI on January 15, 2003 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On February 19, 2003 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On March 24, 2006 the NIRB received a renewal request from NRI for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the renewal request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from further screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on May 1, 2006.

The current NRI application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File 03YN010) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2003/03YN010-Scott%20Lamoureux/>

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 03YN010), the “Landscape Processes at Cape Bounty-Melville Island” project was located within the Qikiqtaaluk region, approximately 426 kilometres (km) northwest of Resolute Bay. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct scientific field research in and around Cape Bounty.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Sediment coring in lakes;
- Soil measurements; and
- Vegetation mapping.

In 2006, this research program was renewed with additional work also delineated. The Proponent stated that it intended to develop a long record of past weather and river conditions using sediments collected in lakes and rivers around Cape Bounty.

The activities/components associated with this renewal included:

- Placing instruments in lake(s) and/or river(s)

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Queens University – Scott Lamoureux is proposing to renew its multi-year NRI Scientific Research Licence to continue this research program.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed renewal does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original February 19, 2003 Screening Decision Report (enclosure).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Autut', enclosed within a light gray rectangular border.

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director

cc: Scott Lamoureux, Queens University
Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB
Jeff Mercer, INAC
Stephanie Autut, NIRB

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: NIRB File 03YN010 (February 19, 2003)
NIRB Letter of Exemption, File No.: NIRB File 03YN010 (May 01, 2006)