



September 10, 2007

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Via email: aglukark@npc.nunavut.ca

**Re: Clarification Required Regarding the Conformity Determination for Starfield Resources
Ferguson Lake Project**

Dear Brian Agluklark:

On September 6, 2007, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for Starfield Resources' Ferguson Lake Project. For your information, NIRB screened amendments to the Ferguson Lake project in the winter of 2007 (NIRB File No.: 07EN001). On September 10, 2007 NIRB received a copy of Starfield's application to renew their Class B Water License (2BE-FER0507) from the Nunavut Water Board. NIRB is presuming the conformity determination is related to the renewal of this Class B Water License.

As you may be aware Schedule 12-1(5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (Types of Project Proposals Exempt from Screening) refers to:

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3."

Therefore, this project proposal would be exempt from a Part Four NLCA screening, unless NPC is forwarding the project for screening in accordance with Section 12.3.3 of the NLCA, which states:

"Notwithstanding Section 12.3.2, the NPC may refer a project proposal within Schedule 12-1 to NIRB for screening, where the NPC has concerns respecting the cumulative impact of that project proposal in relation to other development activities in the region."

NIRB is requesting that NPC confirm whether or not NPC has concerns regarding the cumulative impact of this project proposal in relation to other development activities in the region – and therefore is referring the project proposal for screening as per Section 12.3.3.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Jeff Rusk at jrusk@nirb.nunavut.ca or 867-983-4612.

Best regards,

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