



NIRB File No.: 07EN001  
INAC File No.: N2007X0011

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Honourable Minister Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs  
c/o Spencer Dewar  
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: [spencer.dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:spencer.dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca)

**Re: Application Exempt from Screening under Section 12.4.3: Starfield Resources Inc.'s Ferguson Lake Camp Airstrip and Right-of-Way Project**

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On April 14, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Starfield Resources Inc's *Ferguson Lake Camp Airstrip and Right-of-Way* project. The application is for an extension to the Proponent's Land Use Permit.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 07EN001) was received by the NIRB from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) on January 11, 2007. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On March 26, 2007 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to KivIA and INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

The INAC application, the original NIRB screening file and Screening Decision, 07EN001, are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007\\_SCREENINGS/07EN001-Starfield\\_Resources\\_Ltd/1-SCREENING/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07EN001-Starfield_Resources_Ltd/1-SCREENING/)

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, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from INAC does not change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore, this application is exempted 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 March 26, 2007 Screening Decision Report (attached).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Sophia Granchinho at 867-983-4607 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Best regards,



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Attachment: NIRB Screening Report Decision, File No.: 07EN001 (March 26, 2007)