



NIRB File No.: 07EN001

Associated NIRB File Nos.: 06EN008, EX96 and EX189

KIA File Nos.: KVCL305H27 and KVL399C150

AANDC File No.: N2013X0023 (formerly N2007X0011)

Associated AANDC File No. : N2008C0035

NWB File No.: 2BE-FER0712

February 26, 2014

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
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Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Canadian North Resources Development Corporation's "Ferguson Lake Camp Airstrip and Right-of-Way" project, Kivalliq Region

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On January 20, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for a new Land Use Permit (LUP) to replace the existing LUP N2007X0011 for Canadian North Resources Development Corporation's (CNRDC) "Ferguson Lake Camp Airstrip and Right-of-Way" project (the Project). The NIRB notes that a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission was also included within the supporting materials provided for this file.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 07EN001) was received by the NIRB from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) on January 11, 2007 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On March 26, 2007 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the President of the KIA and the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now AANDC) which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On April 14, 2009 the NIRB received an application for an extension from AANDC to the LUP for the above mentioned project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, the

NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report on March 26, 2007.

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 07EN001) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2007/07EN001-Starfield%20Resources%20Ltd/>

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (NIRB File No. 07EN001), the "Ferguson Lake Camp Airstrip and Right-of-Way" project was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 166 kilometres south of Baker Lake. The Proponent (Starfield Resources Inc.¹) indicated that it intended to support its previously-approved "Ferguson Lake Camp" project (NIRB File No. 06EN008) with the following additional activities and components:

- Construction of 1380 m × 30 m airstrip runway;
- Construction of 1.5 km × 6 m all-weather access road;
- Movement of bulk fuel storage; and
- Winter trail right-of-way from Churchill, MB and Rankin Inlet, NU to Ferguson Lake.

On April 14, 2009 the Proponent requested a one year extension to the previously issued LUP (N2007X0011) to allow it to continue with previously proposed activities at the Ferguson Lake project site.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

CNRDC is applying for a new LUP (No. N2013X0023) to conduct activities as previously screened at the Ferguson Lake project site.

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 new LUP does not change the general scope of

¹ The current Proponent, Canadian North Resources Development Corporation assumed ownership of the project in 2013.

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 the requirement for screening pursuant to 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 (enclosed).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Trevor Boyd, Canadian North Resources Development Corporation
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada

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