



NIRB File No.: 07RN072
INAC File No.: N2007X0043

February 22, 2011

Honourable John Duncan
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
c/o Jeff Mercer, Manager Land Administration
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Via email: jeff.mercer@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: 5050 Nunavut Ltd.'s "Kugluktuk – McGregor Lake Winter Trail" project

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On February 17, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to Land Use Permit N2007X0043 for 5050 Nunavut Ltd.'s "Kugluktuk – McGregor Lake Winter Trail" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 07RN072) was received by the NIRB from INAC on December 13, 2007, and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On January 31, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On April 3, 2008 the NIRB received an application from INAC for an amendment to 5050 Nunavut Ltd.'s proposed routing of the winter trail previously screened (NIRB File No.: 07RN072). After a thorough assessment of the amendment 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 2, 2008. Furthermore, on February 3, 2010 the NIRB received a renewal request from INAC 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 February 16, 2010.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (07RN072) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No.: 07RN072), the “Kugluktuk – McGregor Lake Winter Trail” project was located within the Kitikmeot region, approximately 100 kilometres (km) south of Kugluktuk. The Proponent indicated that it intended to transport equipment necessary to support its camp and exploration activities via Cat Train from Kugluktuk to its campsite at McGregor Lake during the months of February and March.

The activities and components associated with this proposal included:

- Single-use, one way travel from Kugluktuk to 5050’s McGregor Lake Campsite (NIRB No.: 06EN055)
- Transportation of crew and cargo over land and frozen water bodies
- Equipment to include one Caterpillar D6M LPG pulling a 5,000 lb sled, escorted by 2 snowmobiles
- Daily transport of crew to/from the Cat Train/McGregor Lake Campsite via helicopter
- Cargo to include a bobcat, survival equipment, and the fuel(s) necessary to facilitate transport
- Establishment of ice airstrip at McGregor Lake
- Crew to overnight at McGregor Lake Campsite
- Production of human waste

CURRENT APPLICATION:

5050 Nunavut Ltd. is proposing to renew its Land Use Permit with INAC in order to carry out activities previously screened by the NIRB.

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 January 31, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Hanson, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4615 or via email at ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Autut". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly distinguishable.

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director

cc: Gordon Addie, 5050 Nunavut Ltd. at gaddie@adrianaresources.com

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 07RN072 (January 31, 2008)