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Sent via email: p.clow@city.iqaluit.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for City of Iqaluit's "Northwest Granular Deposit Road and Quarry Development" Project Proposal

Dear Paul Clow:

On December 15, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received City of Iqaluit's (Proponent) "Northwest Granular Deposit Road and Quarry Development" project proposal from the Government of Nunavut - Community and Government Services' (GN-CGS). On January 15, 2015 the NIRB received an associated application from the Nunavut Water Board for a Type "B" water licence for this project proposal. The Board notes that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file, as the proposed project is located within a region that does not currently have an approved land use plan in place (South Baffin Region). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **14QN039** - please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On January 15, 2015 the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information in support of this proposal by January 29, 2015. On February 20, 2015 the NIRB received the requested additional information to proceed with the screening.

The proposed project is located adjacent to the Apex River Watershed, approximately 8.5 kilometres (km) from Iqaluit City Centre, and 6.7 km from the nearest residential area in Iqaluit. The City of Iqaluit has requested permission from GN-CGS to use Commissioner's lands for the extraction of aggregate materials from the Northwest Iqaluit Aggregate Area, and additionally the access road to this resource to be used for development of community projects, housing services and maintenance of municipal roads. The program is proposed to commence from May 2015 and is expected to remain active until the depletion of aggregate materials.

The proposed project activities include:

- Construction of an approximately 5 km long, two-lane all-weather road to the granular deposit area, including interior road ways, and is expected to cross two water courses;
- Identifying parcels of land within the quarry that can be used for quarrying operations, including use of borrow pits;
- Installation of culverts at two stream locations and along roadways to allow for drainage during freshet and high precipitation events;
- Installation of silt fence to mitigate impacts to water quality and downstream fish habitat during construction;
- Use of heavy equipment (backhoes, loaders and dump truck) for moving materials;
- Use of helicopter for personnel drop-offs and pick-ups.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's online public registry at

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/14QN039-City%20of%20Iqaluit-%20Northwest%20Aggregate/> including:

- *Referral from the GN-CGS*
- *City of Iqaluit letter to the GN-CGS requesting permission to use Commissioner's lands*
- *Maps*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English and Inuktitut*
- *City of Iqaluit response letter regarding Northwest Granular Deposit*
- *NIRB Part 1 Form*
- *NWB Licence Application*
- *NWB non technical Summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *NWB notice of new application and poster*
- *NWB referral*
- *Spill Response, Erosion and Sediment Control Plan*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 19, 2015**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;

- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-46063 or samuno@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)