



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 16YN016

Project Name: The “**Baffin Island Spinel Research**” project
Proponent Name: University of British Columbia’s (UBC)
Project Type: Research
Region: South Baffin Region
Public Registry: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/>
Comment Deadline: **April 29, 2016**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Baffin Island Spinel Research” project is located within the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) region, approximately 90 kilometres (km) from Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to conduct collect rock samples at eight localities in order to understand the geological conditions leading to formation of mineral spinels, and the potential for gem deposit exploration in Southern Baffin Island. The program is proposed to take place during a two week period in August 2016. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Collect rock samples
- Sampling sites to be access by helicopter, boat or on foot
- Temporary set-up of field camp
- Use of ATV or other mechanized vehicles

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: 16YN016 to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Solomon Amuno, Technical Advisor II, toll-free at 1-866-233-3033 or samuno@nirb.ca.