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Re: Notice of Screening for 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s "Meadowbank Precious Metal Project" proposal

Dear Ms. Tara Gunson:

On February 17, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s (5530 Nunavut) "Meadowbank Precious Metal Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (Nunavut Agreement) and section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **17EN020**.

On March 15, 2017 the NIRB received an updated conformity determination for 5530 Nunavut's Meadowbank Precious Metal Project following an update on the project scope by the Proponent.

INFORMATION REQUEST

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening. On February 20, 2017 the NIRB issued correspondence to 5530 Nunavut requesting that additional information in support of this proposal be provided to the NIRB on or before March 6, 2017. On March 7, 2017 the NIRB received the requested additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The proposed “Meadowbank Precious Metal” project is located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 100 kilometres (km) northeast from the community of Baker Lake. The Proponent intends to conduct an early stage exploration program to delineate targets for diamond drilling, and explore for economic gold deposits in three (3) locations along the existing Meadowbank Road. The program is proposed to take place from June to August, 2017.

According to the project proposal, the scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Establishment of a temporary six (6) to ten (10) person exploration camp to be removed at the end of the program;
- Use of one (1) flatbed truck to transport equipment and personnel along the existing Meadowbank Road;
- Use of one (1) helicopter to mobilize camp gear, personnel and equipment to project camp sits from Meadowbank Road, and for daily drop-of and pick-up at each exploration site;
- Use of one (1) diamond drill for core rock samples;
- Conduct prospecting, till sampling and ground geophysical surveys in three (3) locations near the vicinity of the approved Meadowbank mine;
- Transportation, temporary storage (cache) and use of up to 4,000 Litres of gasoline, diesel and aviation fuel;
- Use of two (2) generators to power camp equipment and conduct drilling activities;
- Use of water for domestic and drilling activities;
- Incineration of combustible wastes with the use of a dual-chamber incinerator;
- Removal of non-combustible wastes, including hazardous waste materials to an approved recycling or disposal site;
- Disposal of grey water and sewage into sumps, or excavated pits near camp; and
- Undertake final abandonment and restoration activities at project sites following exploration activities.

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Meadowbank Precious Metal Project
- NIRB File No.: 17EN020
- Application No.: 125086

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*

- *Revised NPC Application and Conformity Questionnaire*
- *Revised NPC Screening Referral and Conformity Determination*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*
- *Environmental Management Plan*
- *Fuel Management Plan*
- *NIRB Part Form in Inuktitut*
- *NIRB Project Application*
- *NIRB Project Specific Information Requirement (PSIR) Form*
- *Non-Technical Summaries in English and Inuktitut*
- *Spill Prevention and Response Plan*
- *Waste Management Plan*
- *Map of Project Locations*

The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the NIRB's online registry for public access. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by 5530 Nunavut project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 10, 2017**.

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 or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities; if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal 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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please send your comments to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca, via fax at (867) 983-2594 or via the individual project dashboard for this assessment on the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4603 or at samuno@nirb.ca.

