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Sent via email: dzita@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut's "Iqaluit Quarry Area 1 and Area 2" Project Proposal

Dear Danny Zita:

On March 25, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Iqaluit Quarry Area 1 and Area 2" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission), which noted that the project proposal is outside the area of an applicable 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 s. 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*), the NIRB has commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **19QN021** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On March 25, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On May 1, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The proposed “Iqaluit Quarry Area 1 and Area 2” project is located within the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, approximately two (2) kilometres (km) northwest from Iqaluit. The Proponent intends to extract aggregate to meet the construction demands of the community of Iqaluit. The program is proposed to take place from 2019 until the projected deposit of aggregate is depleted or no longer needed.

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

- Use of existing municipal roads to access the quarry sites located northwest of Iqaluit;
- Extraction of aggregate at Quarry Area 1 and Quarry Area 2 at depths of one (1) to three (3) metres (m);
- Use of heavy equipment to extract and transport aggregate material to sites as needed;
- Use of industrial vehicles, heavy equipment, and passenger vehicles for personnel transportation, quarry site operations, and aggregate hauling;
- Use of local fuel to operate heavy equipment and vehicle needs; and
- Reclamation of quarry sites following closure (once aggregate resources are depleted) by levelling the quarry.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

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 accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125458.

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *NIRB’s Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuktitut and French*
- *Maps noting Quarry Area 1 and Area 2*
- *Letter of Support from the Government of Nunavut*

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 the Government of Nunavut project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 27, 2019**.

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; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (and providing 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/project/125458.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-5627 or at tmaksagak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (6): Public Notice of Screening (English, Inuktitut and French)
Comment Forms (English, Inuktitut and French)

cc: Distribution List
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Robert Chapple, Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services
Alexander Stubbing, Government of Nunavut, Department of Culture and Heritage
Tracey McCaie, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs