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Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut Community and Government Services’ “Quarry in Pangnirtung” Project Proposal

Dear Rita Sewornu:

On September 18, 2019 the NIRB received a referral to screen Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Quarry in Pangnirtung” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (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 **19QN043** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On September 18, 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 sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening.

Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted on September 25, 2019 by the Proponent, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on September 26, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project

proposal. On September 30, 2019 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

The proposed “Quarry in Pangnirtung” project is located within the Qikiqtani (South Baffin) Region, approximately one (1) kilometres (km) north from Pangnirtung. The Proponent intends to extract aggregate from a new quarry to complement the existing quarry to meeting the increasing demands of the community. The program is proposed to take place from October 2019 to October 2020.

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 new quarry site;
- Construction of a new quarry to access additional aggregate material;
- Extraction of up to 80,000 cubic metres of (gravel, sand, silt and rip rap);
- Use of equipment including excavator, loader, truck, crusher and screener;
- Transport of material for use in community;
- Stockpiling of material when required;
- Use of local fuel to operate heavy equipment and vehicle needs;
- Reclamation of quarry sites once aggregate resources are depleted by leveling quarry; and
- Waste to be collected in bins and disposed of in local dump.

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 www.nirb.ca/project/125486.

The documents received include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *NIRB’s Online Application*
- *Non-technical Project Proposals summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Map*

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 GN-CGS's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **October 25, 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/125486.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 447-2153 or johokannoak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: 4 Public Notice of Screening (English and Inuktitut)
 Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)

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