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Dear Felexce Ngwa,

This letter is in response to the January 29, 2020 comments with respect to the **Notice of Screening for Canadian North Resources and Development Corp.'s (CNRD) "Ferguson Lake" project proposal (19RA046)** provided to Jaida Ohokannoak Technical Advisor Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB).

CNRD has not completed significant interaction with the Hamlet of Baker Lake with respect to the implementation of this project except for the ongoing engagement with the locally based, Inuit owned and operated contractor Peters Expediting Limited (PEL). No direct First Nation consultation was completed during 2019 at Rankin Inlet except for keeping the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) office informed as to progress with this project. This was because CNRD and PEL had already commenced work on its implementation during 2019.

This is a ROW Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (AADNC-AANDC) and KIA permitted project. The permits information has been provided with the NIRB proposal. It is being completed largely to mitigate and remediate environmental impacts at the request of the AADNC-AANDC Land Administration office based upon comments it had received from local Rankin Inlet residents before 2019.

The presence of a waste storage pile at the Ferguson Lake camp had been reported to the KIA and AADNC-AANDC Lands Administration since 2013 as well as the re-discovery of the "lost" ball crusher since 2017. When CNRD took over the Ferguson Lake Project during 2013 from bankrupt Starfield Resources Limited it also took on some of its unresolved environmental impact responsibilities.

In summary based upon dialogue with AADNC-AANDC and KIA since 2013, CNRD respectfully wishes to expedite this process to demonstrate to the local community that it is doing what it stated it would do which is why it is hoped to complete this work this winter.

CNRD agrees with CIRNAC Recommendations.

- CNRD and PEL's planned winter routes will maximize the use of frozen water bodies as shown on the maps uploaded with the NIRB proposal.
- CNRD and PEL agree heavy equipment or vehicles should not be moved unless the ground surface is capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging. The overland winter work for the project commenced during 2019 but was suspended after scouting trips by snowmobile concluded the snow cover was not sufficiently thick to conduct hauling. If the snow cover is not satisfactory this winter, it will be postponed again.
- CNRD and PEL will avoid disturbance on slopes prone to natural erosion; minimize approach grades at winter lake/stream crossings, construct approaches entirely of ice and snow materials, and use existing trails where possible during project activities on land.
- CNRD and PEL will use proper drip pans when refueling of all equipment, which will be at least 31 metres away from the high-water mark of any waterbody.

CNRD is involving the community of Baker Lake by contracting Peter's Expediting to complete the overland winter work partly based upon their strong local Inuit knowledge in the project design and implementation, their custom of keeping community members informed of planned activities and results, and their provision of economic opportunities for community members.

Please feel free to request more information, and email boyd3@sympatico.ca or telephone (416 919 9017) me directly as questions arise.

Best regards,



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