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Sent via email: gbiles@canarc.net and lockettda@telus.net

Re: Notice of Screening for Canarc Resource Corp.'s "Hard Cash" Project Proposal

Dear Garry Biles:

On March 30, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Canarc Resource Corp.'s (Canarc) "Hard Cash" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.

The Commission previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal, including a small exploration camp and issued a conformity determination on June 10, 2017, exempting the previous proposal from screening by the NIRB. The Commission has determined that the current proposal is a significant modification to the project because of significant new surface activities that will now require a Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) Class A land use permit.

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 **20EN010** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On March 30, 2020 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.

On April 8, 2020 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Scope:

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125514.

Project:	Hard Cash				
Region:	Kivalliq				
Location:	Ennadai Lake				
Closest Community:	Arviat	Distance (approximate)	405 kilometres (km)	Direction	West
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct a mineral exploration program including drilling, sampling, magnetic surveying, and mapping.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	May 2020 to September 2025				

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

- Reverse circulation drilling program to conduct on-land drilling, consisting of ten (10) 150 meter holes;
- Ground magnetic survey;
- Collection of soil and rock samples;
- Geological mapping;
- Use of a helicopter to transport equipment and personnel to drill sites;
- Use of generators and oil stove;
- Transportation, storage and use of fuel and lubricants including:
 - 9,020 liters of diesel;
 - 11,480 liters of aviation fuel;
 - 410 liters of gasoline;
 - 10 liters of oil; and
 - 230 liters of drill lubricant;
- Disposal of waste:
 - Combustible waste to be burned at Ennadai Lake Lodge;
 - Used motor oil to be burned in heaters or transported south; and
 - Non-combustible waste removed for proper disposal; and

- Use of Ennadai Lake Lodge as a basecamp for the exploration program.

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. However, the NIRB notes that this project proposal will be using existing facilities at the Ennadai Lake Lodge and any activities associated with the lodge would be required to abide by existing authorizations.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125514 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination and Screening Referral*
- *Commission Application*
- *Commission Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *NIRB Executive Summary in English, Inuktitut, and French*
- *Fuel Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*
- *CIRNAC Application for Land Use Permit*
- *Map of drill sites, magnetic survey, and soil sampling 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 Canarc's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 5, 2020**.

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/125514.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-983-4617 or kmorrison@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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

cc: Distribution List
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