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Re: Additional Information Required: Information Request # 1 for Government of Nunavut – Department of Community and Government Services’ “Whale Cove Quarry Sites” Project Proposal

Dear Randy Mercer:

On May 27, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission) to screen Government of Nunavut – Department of Community and Government Services’ (GN-CGS) “Whale Cove Quarry Sites” project proposal (referred to as New Quarries inside Whale Cove Municipality by the 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 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 **20QN013** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

On May 7, 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 for all four (4) quarry sites being proposed in order to commence screening.

On May 27, 2020 the GN-CGS provided information for one (1) of the four (4) quarry sites (Quarry #4). The NIRB has undertaken a completeness check of your project proposal as submitted and found that **additional** information is required for the NIRB to carry out its screening of all four (4) quarry sites. According to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB is requesting submission of the information as outlined in Appendix A of this correspondence by **June 23, 2020**.

The documents and materials received to date by the NIRB in support of this project proposal include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination and Screening Referral*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *2019 Gravel Study Airports*
- *Non-Technical Summary (English, Inuktitut)*
- *NIRB Application (English, Inuktitut) for Quarry Site #4*
- *Description of Existing Physical Environment for Quarry Site #4*
- *Quarry Site #4 Location Map*

Please be advised that pursuant to s. 92(3)(b) of the *NuPPAA*, the 45-day timeline for the Board to provide a screening decision stopped on May 7, 2020. This 45-day timeline will start again on the date the NIRB receives the requested additional information for all four (4) quarry sites. If the Proponent fails to submit the requested additional information, the Board may suspend or terminate the assessment activities of the proposed project pursuant to the relevant provisions under s. 144 of the *NuPPAA*. Therefore, it is in the GN-CGS's best interest to cure the identified information deficiencies in a timely manner. If the GN-CGS determines that the time required to supply the required information is significantly greater than two (2) weeks, the Board requests written notification and an anticipated date for submission be provided as soon as possible.

Additionally, please be aware that the NIRB and the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) are required to coordinate their processes¹ for projects that require a water licence, especially municipal undertakings in order ensure the timely review and processing of the application. In undertaking a coordinated NIRB-NWB process, the Proponent must provide information through the assessment to satisfy both the impact assessment requirements as well as the water licensing process; furthermore, where information to satisfy each process is similar, coordination of the timing or contents of applications may be considered when information is being submitted to both organizations. However, the Proponent has the option to request or opt out of a coordinated process at any time. Should you wish to opt out during the initial submission of this application or discontinue the coordinated process, you may do so in writing to both the NIRB and the NWB.

Please submit all forthcoming project proposal information through the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca. For additional instructions regarding the new project application portal, please contact NIRB administration at info@nirb.ca or at 1-866-233-3033.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact the undersigned directly at 867-983-4616 or femingak@nirb.ca.

¹ As per Sections 13.5.2 and 13.6.1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, s. 193 of *NuPPAA*, and s. 37 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: Appendix A: Information Request # 1

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for Government of Nunavut – Department of Community and Government Services’ (GN –
CGS) “Whale Cove Quarry Sites”
pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*
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1. TOPIC/ISSUE: NIRB’s Online Application Form

REFERENCE: *Proponent’s Guide*²: Appendix A: Online Application System – Proponent User’s Guide

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires the Proponent to complete the online application form in order to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and to ensure sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. The NIRB will no longer accept applications or supporting documents via e-mail or regular mail.

REQUEST: Complete the NIRB’s online application form at www.nirb.ca, pursuant to the NIRB’s project application requirements including the following sections:

- *Application Project Title should reflect proposal to develop all quarry sites.*
- *Application information for Quarry Sites # 1, 2, and 3.*
- *Information regarding Quarry Site #4 that may apply to all quarry sites:*
 - *Use of fuel and/or hazardous materials. If using community supplies, please indicate;*
 - *Types of wastes associated with the proposed project activities;*
 - *Location of waterbodies near all quarry sites; and*
 - *Dust mitigation measures.*
- *Information specific to Quarry Site #4:*
 - *Development of access road including proposed routing of road, road construction and operation.*

The Proponent is recommended to review the Help Boxes associated with the NIRB’s online application form when completing the application.

2. TOPIC/ISSUE: Project Map

REFERENCE: *Proponent’s Guide*²: Appendix A: Online Application System – Proponent User’s Guide

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires a map of the project proposal and related activities to assist in the assessment of the project.

REQUEST: Complete the NIRB’s online map in the application form at www.nirb.ca as well as provide the latitude and longitude of the locations as listed within the application form.

The map should include where applicable the following items:

- Location(s) of any existing or proposed infrastructure(s) including but not limited to:
 - a. Road(s) and bridges proposed to be developed and/or used to access quarry sites; and

² <http://www.nirb.ca/guides>

- b. Other infrastructure proposed to be used to develop and access quarry sites.
- Location(s) of all proposed activity(ies) including but not limited to:
 - a. Fuel storage sites.

3. TOPIC/ISSUE: Update the Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English and Inuktitut

REFERENCE: *Proponent's Guide*²: Appendix A: Online Application System – Proponent User's Guide

RATIONALE: The NIRB requires that a non-technical summary be updated to include information regarding all four quarries be submitted by the proponent in order to assist parties to understand and provide comments on project proposals.

REQUEST: Submit via the online application text boxes a non-technical description of the project proposal in English and in the regional languages, which include Inuktitut (Kivalliq).

Please keep in mind that the project summary is intended to provide members of the public with sufficient information to understand what is being proposed and determine whether they might wish to further review the full project application and supporting information.

4. TOPIC/ISSUE: Supplemental supporting documentation

REFERENCE: Requirement of documentation to complete screening assessment

RATIONALE: To properly scope and assess proposed projects, the NIRB requires proponents to provide specific information on proposed activities, associated components, and proposed mitigation and monitoring measures related to the proposal.

REQUEST: Provide supplemental information regarding the following:

- Summary of current and future consultation plans;
- Location of any culverts required to maintain water flow or any water management that could be required for quarry sites;
- Mitigation plans or commitments that would be included in the development of mitigation plans that include the identification of potential impacts and proposed mitigation measures;
- A discussion on waste management and spill contingency plans; and
- Images of your project location if available.