



NIRB File No.: 20QN016
NPC File No.: 149349

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Sent via email: rmerc@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for the Government of Nunavut's "Rankin Inlet Sand Pit" Project Proposal

Dear Randy Mercer:

On May 6, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Rankin Inlet Sand Pit" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (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 **20QN016** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

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 being proposed and commence screening.

Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted on June 11, 2020 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 June 11, 2020 returned the application to the Proponent and requested them to provide the Board with the additional clarification in order to carry out the

screening of the project proposal. On June 24, 2020, the NIRB received the required clarification 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/125538.

Project:	Rankin Inlet Sand Pit				
Region:	Kivalliq				
Location:	Rankin Inlet				
Closest Community:	Rankin Inlet	Distance (approximate)	7 kilometres (km)	Direction	North of Rankin Inlet
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to extract sand and other fine materials to meet construction needs of the community.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	March 28, 2020 to September 21, 2030				

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 existing quarry site;
- Extraction of sand and other fine materials;
- Use of equipment including excavator, loader, truck, crusher and screener;
- Use of industrial vehicles and passenger vehicles for personnel transportation, quarry site operations, and aggregate hauling;
- Stockpiling of material when required;
- Use of fuel from local tank farm for heavy equipment and vehicle needs; and
- Reclamation of the quarry site once aggregate resources are depleted.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

At this time, the NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal, however the NIRB notes that this project proposal will be using existing road infrastructure also used by the Meliadine Gold Mine (NIRB File No. 11MN034). As the projects are not integrally linked in development or operations, this project will be assessed separately. As a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

All documents received can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry www.nirb.ca/project/125538 and include:

- *NPC Screening Referral;*
- *NPC Application;*

- *NIRB's Online Application Form;*
- *Dust Management Plan;*
- *Quarry Management Plan;*
- *Spill Contingency Plan;*
- *Non-Technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut; and*
- *Maps noting Quarry footprint.*

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 Government of Nunavut's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **July 23, 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/125538.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4607 or cbarker@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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Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
Rankin Inlet Hunters and Trappers Organization