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Sent via email: [hikuprojects@gmail.com](mailto:hikuprojects@gmail.com)

**Re: Notice of Screening for Hiku Projects LTD's "Quarry Pit" Project Proposal**

Dear Kelly Bergsma:

On September 23, 2020, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Hiku Projects LTD's "Quarry Pit" 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 assigned it file number **20QN023**.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On September 23, 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 November 9, 2020, the NIRB released a formal correspondence requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. The NIRB followed up on numerous occasions via email requesting an update on when the information would be provided, including releasing a second formal letter on December 23, 2020 pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*. On January 6, 2020, the Proponent provided the requested information and the NIRB 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/125566](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125566).

<b>Project:</b>	Quarry Pit				
<b>Region:</b>	Kitikmeot				
<b>Location:</b>	Gravel Pit				
<b>Closest Community:</b>	Cambridge Bay	<b>Distance (approximate)</b>	Within Hamlet boundaries	<b>Direction</b>	West
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to extract sand and gravel from an existing unauthorized quarry site to meet the construction demands of the community of Cambridge Bay.				
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	The project is proposed to take place from August 2020 to October 2021.				

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

- Operation of a quarry site to access sand and gravel material for community construction needs with an estimated maximum extraction volume of 1,000 cubic meters (m<sup>3</sup>);
- Use of existing municipal road to access the quarry site;
- Use of equipment including a skid steer and truck/trailer to dig and transport gravel and sand;
- Disposal of waste in the Cambridge Bay landfill as appropriate; and
- Use of locally sourced fuel to operate heavy equipment and/or vehicles.

### ***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 can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/125566](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125566) and include:

- *Commission Referral*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuinnaqtun*

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 Hiku Projects LTD project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **February 3, 2021**.

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](mailto: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/125566](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125566)

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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

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