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Sent via email: jimd@leewardcapital.ca and lockettda@telus.net

Re: Notice of Screening for Leeward Capital Corp.'s "Pistol Lake" project proposal

Dear James W Davis:

On February 24, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen Leeward Capital Corp.'s "Pistol Lake" 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 commenced screening this project proposal and has assigned it file number **21EN013** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

INFORMATION REQUEST

On February 24, 2021 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 March 10, 2021 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/125588.

Project:	Pistol Lake Project				
Region:	Kitikmeot				
Location:	Knutson Lake				
Closest Community:	Kugluktuk	Distance (approximate)	280	Direction	South East
Summary of Project Description:	The Proponent intends to conduct exploration activities and construct a 16-person temporary camp to support prospecting, sampling, and 3000 meters of core drilling.				
Project Proposed Timeline:	July 1, 2021 to October 1, 2021				

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

- Establishment of a temporary sixteen (16) person exploration camp;
- Prospecting, sampling and ground geophysics;
- Drilling to depths of up to 3,000 meters;
- Storage of aviation fuel, gasoline, diesel, propane, and hazardous materials such as drilling mud, calcium, and hydraulic oil;
- Spill response equipment located at fuel caches, heli-pad and drill sites;
- Use of a helicopter to support drill move, fuel transport to drill site, and transport personal;
- Use of a generator to supply power for the camp and equipment;
- Use of up to 295m³/day of water;
- Use of an incinerator for combustible waste;
- Non-combustible waste will be transported to an approved facility;
- Human waste from Pacto toilets to be collected and sealed 45 gallon drums to be disposed in a approved facility;
- Greywater to be disposed of in a sump;
- Drill hazardous waste to be disposed in an approved facility; and
- Hiring of local wildlife monitor

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 www.nirb.ca/project/125588 and include:

- *NPC Screening Referral*
- *NPC Application*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in English, Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut*
- *NIRB's Online Application*
- *Maps*
- *Photos*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan*
- *Fuel Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Kitikmeot Inuit Association Inuit Owned License*
- *Community Consultation Log*

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 Leeward Capital Corp.'s project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 8, 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, 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/125588.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4616 or 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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