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Sent via email: [dzita@gov.nu.ca](mailto:dzita@gov.nu.ca)

**Re: Notice of Screening for the Government of Nunavut's "Kugluktuk Quarry Sites" Project Proposal**

Dear Danny Zita:

On February 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut's (GN) "Kugluktuk Quarry Sites" 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 **21QN011** - please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

#### INFORMATION REQUEST

On February 22, 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 18, 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/125592](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125592).

<b>Project:</b>	Kugluktuk Quarry Sites				
<b>Region:</b>	Kitikmeot				
<b>Location:</b>	Kugluktuk				
<b>Closest Community:</b>	Kugluktuk	<b>Distance (approximate)</b>	4 kilometres (km)	<b>Direction</b>	South-west
<b>Summary of Project Description:</b>	The Proponent intends to extract aggregate from two (2) quarry sites to meet the construction demands of the community of Kugluktuk.				
<b>Project Proposed Timeline:</b>	January 23, 2021 to January 23, 2031				

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

- Operation of two (2) quarry sites to extract aggregate for community construction needs and will remain active until all its aggregate is depleted;
- Use of existing access road(s) to quarry sites;
- Use of heavy equipment including a front-end loader, dump truck, water truck and a crusher to crush large material;
- Use of Hamlet's facilities and supplies.

### ***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/125592](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125592) and include:

- *Commission Referral*
- *Commission Application*
- *NIRB's Online Application Form*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal in English, French, Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut\*
- *Dust Management Plan*
- *Community and Government Services Authorization Letter*

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 project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 9, 2021**

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

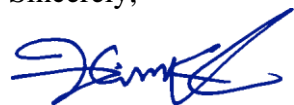
- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic or socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse impacts on 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/125592](http://www.nirb.ca/project/125592).

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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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

cc: Distribution List  
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board  
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Natie O'Grady, Government of Nunavut – Project Manager Impact Assessment  
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