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Sent via email: rsewornu@gov.nu.ca

Re: Notice of Screening for Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “Quarries in Arctic Bay” Project Proposal

Dear Rita Sewornu:

On February 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ (GN - CGS) “Quarries in Arctic Bay” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission), with an accompanying positive conformity determination with the North Baffin 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 **21QN010** - 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 8, 2021 the NIRB released a formal correspondence, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On March 17, 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/125595.

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| Project: | Quarries in Arctic Bay |
| Region: | Qikiqtani (North Baffin) |
| Location: | Within municipal boundaries of Arctic Bay |
| Summary of Project Description: | The Proponent intends to develop three (3) new quarry sites for the community needs. |
| Project Proposed Timeline: | June 2021 until the aggregates are depleted. |

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

- Construction of new quarry sites to access aggregate material for community construction needs;
- Use of existing municipal roads to access the new quarry sites;
- Transport of material for use in community;
- Stockpiling of material when required;
- Use of equipment including excavator, loader, dump trucks, crusher and screener;
- Use of local fuel to operate heavy equipment and vehicle needs;
- Reclamation of quarry sites once aggregate resources are depleted by leveling quarry; and
- Use of local facilities.

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/125595 and include:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *Commission Application and Questionnaire*
- *NIRB Online Application*
- *Non-Technical Summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *Quarry Sites*
- *Quarry Management Plan*

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 GN – CGS project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 15, 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/125595.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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

cc: Distribution List
Debbie Johnson, Hamlet of Arctic Bay
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Stephen Williamson-Bathory, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Jared Ottenhof, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Joel Fortier, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Robert Chapple, Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services
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