



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

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



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Via NIRB public registry

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

Dear Mia Otokiak,

On March 18, 2021, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services’ “Quarries in Arctic Bay” project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB’s request:

Whether the Project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures);

CIRNAC #1: Flagging Quarry Boundaries

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent indicates that the quarries are on a pre-existing road, but does not indicate that the boundary of the quarries will be flagged for other land users.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clearly indicate where the quarry boundaries are, so as to be visible to other land users while the quarries are in use.

CIRNAC #2: Identification of Environmental Impacts Matrix

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent does not identify any potential environmental impacts in the Identification of Environmental Impacts Matrix.



CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent provide rationale for leaving the Identification of Environmental Impacts Matrix empty.

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal;

CIRNAC #3: Potential for Positive Effects to Inuit Through Employment and Training Opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment, training, and contracting of local Inuit and Inuit firms when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. Members of the community of Arctic Bay should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and contracting opportunities that may be made available.


CIRNAC #4: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent maintain open communication with the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, as well as other community members and organizations which may have an interest in the project's activities. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge or Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities in close proximity to the project area;
- Use of existing access roads for project related activities;
- Employment, training, and contracting opportunities; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley at (867) 975-4556 or by e-mail at Richard.Bingley2@Canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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