COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has a mandate to protect the integrity of the ecosystem for the existing and future residents of Nunavut. To assess the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal, NIRB would like to hear your concerns, comments and suggestions about the following project proposal application:

Project Proposal Title: Nut Lake Project
Proponent: Greenridge Exploration Inc.
Location: Kivalliq
Comments Due By: July 16, 2025 **NIRB #:** 25EN025

Indicate your concerns about the project proposal below:

- ☐ no concerns
- ☐ water quality
- ☐ terrain
- ☐ air quality
- ☐ wildlife and their habitat
- ☐ marine mammals and their habitat
- ☐ birds and their habitat
- ☐ fish and their habitat
- ☐ heritage resources in area
- ☐ traditional uses of land
- ☐ Inuit harvesting activities
- ☐ community involvement and consultation
- ☐ local development in the area
- ☐ tourism in the area
- ☐ human health issues
- **X** other: Regulatory approval

Please describe the concerns indicated above:

Transport Canada does not have concerns about the proposed project but does note the project may be subject to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* and *Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act* and Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. For the information of the Board, the Proponent, and reviewers of the project, relevant information on these acts and regulation is provided below.

Canadian Navigable Waters Act

For this project, the Proponent proposes, among other activities, water withdrawals using water intakes for camp use from an unnamed lake and from unidentified sources for drilling use. Works, such as the proposed water intakes, in navigable waterways are subject to the *Canadian Navigable Waters Act* (CNWA) and in some cases may require an approval under the CNWA. Works in non-navigable waters are not subject to the CNWA.

To determine the applicability of the CNWA to this project, the Proponent is required to conduct self-assessments of the navigability of all the waterways that will be used as water sources for the project using Transport Canada's "Project Review Tool" at the following link: https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/projectreview-outildexamenduprojet.

If a waterway(s) is navigable, the placement and use of a water intake may proceed as a "minor work" provided all of the requirements of the CNWA Minor Works Order are met, particularly sections 1-11 and 26 (see: https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/sor-2021-170/index.html). The Proponent can use the Project Review Tool noted above to assist them in determining whether a water intake(s) used for the project will qualify as a minor work.

The Proponent has two options under the CNWA if a water intake will not be a minor work:

1. Voluntarily apply to the Minister of Transport for approval of the water intake; or
2. Seek authorization for the water intake using the public resolution process set out in the CNWA.
    a. The public resolution process requires the Proponent to post on the Navigation Protection Program *External Submission Site* (https://npp-submissions-demandes-ppn.tc.canada.ca/auth/login-connexion?ret=/&GoCTemplateCulture=en-CA) a "notification of work on a non-scheduled waterway" and publish a notice inviting public comments. The notice gives the public 30 days to comment on the project.
        i. If no concerns are raised, the Proponent can proceed with the work.
        ii. If there are concerns, the Proponent and the commenter have 45 days to resolve any navigation-related concerns.
            1. If concerns are resolved within that timeframe, the Proponent may proceed with the work.
            2. If the concerns aren't resolved after 45 days, the commenter has 15 days to request a decision from the NPP. In this case, after reviewing the Proponent's proposal and any public input, Transport Canada's Navigation Protection Program will confirm whether the Proponent needs to submit an application for an approval.

Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG)

As identified in the project application form, any transport of dangerous goods for the project must be done in accordance with the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. For the shipment of TDG by air, the shipper must meet the requirements set out in Part 12 of the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations. This includes that the shipper preparing the dangerous goods shipment for air transportation must have International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) training for dangerous goods.

Do you have any suggestions or recommendations for this application?

No.

Do you support the project proposal? Yes ☐ No ☐ Any additional comments?

Transport Canada takes no position on whether NIRB should approve this project.

Name of person commenting: Scott Kidd **of** Winnipeg

Position: Regional Env. Advisor **Organization:** Transport Canada

Signature: Scott Kidd (by email) **Date:** July 15, 2025