



# CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

## Re: Notice of Screening for MMG Resources Inc's "Izok Corridor Exploration Project" Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for MMG Resources Inc's "Izok Corridor Exploration Project" Proposal**

Dear Kelli Gillard,

On June 25, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on MMG Resources Inc's (the Proponent) "Izok Corridor Exploration Project" proposal (the Project). Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) offers the responses below as they pertain to the NIRB's request:

**Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology**

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposed Project can be mitigated with known practices or technology.

**CIRNAC #1: Fuel, Hazardous Materials, and Waste**

Substantial quantities of fuel and hazardous materials will be utilized, stored, and transported. Specifically, ~656,000 L of diesel and aviation fuel, as well as gasoline and propane (7,920 L) will be required at multiple project sites. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent store incompatible hazardous materials (acids, solvents, oxidizers, lubricants, additives, etc.) in separate, labelled, secured containment areas.

CIRNAC also recommends that the Proponent submit to NIRB an updated Waste Disposal Plan.

**CIRNAC #2: Closure and Reclamation**

The Project application does not describe plans for closure and reclamation of temporary work sites and facilities. CIRNAC recommends the Proponent submit to NIRB an updated Closure and Reclamation Plan confirming their commitment to carry out progressive reclamation of any



components of the Project no longer required for operations, including drill holes, drill cuttings disposal sites, temporary access roads, etc.

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

**CIRNAC #3: Cumulative, Induced, and Transboundary Environmental Impacts**

Considering the geographic extent and distribution of the Proponent's mineral claims and leases, CIRNAC would like to highlight the importance of assessment of potential cumulative impacts to terrestrial wildlife, and caribou in particular.

The Proponent's exploration activities and potential mine development, together with potential development of the Grays Bay Road and Port Project, and associated induced future mining activities in the Kitikmeot Region resulting from improved economic feasibility could adversely affect the habitat of the Dolphin and Union, Bathurst, and Beverly caribou herds. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent assess, at an appropriate level (appreciating the scope of the current application), the following:

- potential cumulative impacts of increasing mining and infrastructure development in the region;
- cumulative impacts on caribou herds; and
- transboundary issues.

The assessment will inform future exploration and project works and could be provided as part of the Annual Report or as a standalone memo within a timeframe that NIRB determines to be appropriate.

**CIRNAC #4: Consultation with Interested Parties**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue consulting with the municipalities of Kugluktuk and Cambridge Bay, the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Association, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Association, the Kitikmeot Inuit Association, and any other relevant organizations or individuals on its project proposal. As part of these consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- Mitigation measures to prevent disturbance to sites of cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- The experience of community members who practice traditional and recreational activities within or in close proximity to the project area(s);
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.



## **CIRNAC #5: Employment and Training Opportunities for Nunavut Inuit**

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of Nunavut Inuit throughout the implementation of project activities. This approach will help ensure that community members and the broader Inuit population benefit from meaningful and lasting outcomes. Priority in any related employment and training opportunities should be given to the nearest affected communities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact Muhammad Arslan by e-mail at [muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca) or David Abernethy by email at [david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca](mailto:david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca).

Sincerely,



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