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Sent via email: ne@nunavutexcavating.com

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request

Dear Glen Molloy:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a referral to screen 5581 Nunavut Ltd.'s "Airsides Surfaces Rehabilitation-Whale Cove" project proposal:

- June 5, 2025, the Nunavut Planning Commission noted that it conforms to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, and
- July 3, 2025, the NIRB received a complete application and assigned it file number **25XN050**- please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

The NIRB has commenced screening the project proposal pursuant to the *Nunavut Agreement* and *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*¹ and by copy of this letter, **invites interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the proposal to comment directly to the Nunavut Impact Review Board.**

SCOPE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Location	Kivalliq, 5 kilometers north of Whale Cove
Objective	The Proponent intends to upgrade the runway in the community of Whale Cove to improve and enhance the condition and safety of the runway.
Timeline	Operations Phase from June 1, 2025 to October 6, 2026

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

¹ 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)

- Excavating, grading, compacting, placing granular material surface material, installing drainage systems, applying dust suppressants, stockpiling materials, and use of a new quarry for granular material, requiring the use of:
 - two excavators to excavate material to be crushed and screened;
 - a front-end loader to load material for crushing material and to load trucks to transport gravel material;
 - two dump trucks to transport raw and crushed material;
 - a grader to level, smooth, and grade surfaces;
 - a roller to compact soil, gravel, and asphalt to create a smooth and solid surface during project construction;
 - a water truck to control dust and for soil compaction;
 - a screener to screen the required sized granular material;
 - a crusher to crush raw material to various sizes;
 - a fuel truck to fuel equipment for project construction, estimated use of 3,000 liters a day;
 - 47 cubic meters of water for compaction and dust suppression, water to be extracted from an unnamed small lake 50 m west of the runway; and
- All combustible waste will be collected in secured garbage bags and transported to the municipal dump for proper disposal.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

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

Documents received and describing the proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/126199 including:

- *Commission Conformity Determination*
- *NIRB Online Application in English and Inuktitut*
- *Non-technical Summaries in English, Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun and French*
- *Quarrying Permit*
- *Tender Document*
- *NWB License*
- *Proponent Letter to Nunavut Water Board*
- *Fire & Emergency Response Procedure*
- *Waste Control Plan*
- *Environmental Controls*
- *Quarry Permit Renewed*
- *Project Pictures*

The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB is inviting interested parties and municipalities potentially affected by the project proposal to comment directly to the NIRB by **August 11, 2025**.

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 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/126199. Questions should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 or femingak@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)

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