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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for GeoNest Corp's "GeoNest Nunavut Base Camps Collection" project proposal**

Dear Martin Gregus:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has commenced screening<sup>1</sup> the project proposal.

**By copy of this letter, NIRB invites regulators, interested parties, and community members or groups potentially affected by the proposal to view the application and comment directly to the NIRB by November 6, 2026.**

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.

**The application can be viewed on NIRB's online registry [www.nirb.ca/project/126336](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126336) where a comment form is available, or comments can be also submitted to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or by fax.**

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<sup>1</sup> 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)

## Scope of proposal

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| <b>Location</b>  | Kitikmeot and Qikiqtani region: <i>Cunningham Bay, Admiralty Inlet, and Slidre Fiord, Ellesmere Island.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Objective</b> | The Proponent intends to establish and operate a network of three seasonal, off-grid wilderness lodges across ecologically and culturally significant areas of the Canadian Arctic. The project aims to create a sustainable operational model that blends low-impact eco-tourism, wildlife observation, scientific research, and media production (filmmaking and photography) while actively fostering Inuit and local community participation and economic opportunities. |
| <b>Timeline</b>  | Period of Construction: September 2025 to May 2027<br>Period of Operation: May 2027 to September 2030<br>Admiralty Inlet seasonal operational period May through September<br>Cunningham Bay seasonal operational period July through September<br>Ellesmere Island seasonal operational period March through September                                                                                                                                                      |

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- **Camp Sites at each site**
  - Locations at Cunningham Bay, Admiralty Inlet, and Ellesmere Island (Slidre Fiord near Eureka)
  - Construction of elevated wooden platforms and/or installation of self-contained units on sleds to be constructed and the structures will be properly winterized, secured, and stored onsite at the end of each operating season;
  - Powered by a hybrid system of solar, wind, and fuel-efficient generators; and
  - Up to 14 Personnel (7 staff and 7 guests) staying at each of the camps.
  - Personnel and staff would be brought into Cunningham Bay and Ellesmere Island by fixed wing with anticipated flights every 7 to 10 days.
  - Electric bear fencing where required, wildlife deterrents, secure food and waste storage, satellite/radio communications and emergency procedures will be used.
- **Equipment at each camp**
  - Kingfisher boat to transport personnel for wildlife viewing at Admiralty Inlet.
  - 10 Kayaks for wildlife viewing and activities divided between the three sites.
  - Two (2) Sherp (amphibious all-terrain vehicle) for transporting personnel for wildlife viewing at Ellesmere Island.
  - Five (5) Zodiacs, two (2) zodiacs each at Admiralty Inlet and Cunningham Bay and one (1) at Ellesmere Island.
  - Six (6) ATVs (all-terrain vehicle) split between Cunningham Bay and Ellesmere Island.
  - Six (6) snowmobiles split between all three sites.
- **Fuel and Hazardous stored at each site**
  - Gasoline – approximately 5,125 liters in 25 containers of 205 liters for the three camp sites.
  - Oil – 800 liters for maintenance of transportation for the three camps.
  - Propane – 2,500 lbs. in 25 containers for cooking and heating for the three camps.
- **Water Consumption at each site**
  - Daily use of 2m<sup>3</sup> of water split between all three camps.

- **Waste Management for all three sites**

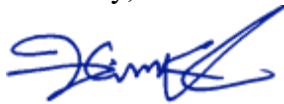
- Combustible waste to be collected in sealed containers and removed from each site and disposed at an approved facility in southern Canada.
- Non-combustible waste to be stored in drums or crates and backhauled annually for approved recycling or disposal.
- Greywater approximately 75 m<sup>3</sup> seasonally to be collected in holding tanks and removed from site at season's end.
- Hazardous waste stored in clearly labelled sealed containers, in secondary containment and removed annually for disposal at approved southern facilities.
- Sewage human waste – composting toilets, biological treatment and portable camp toilets and collected in holding tanks and will be removed and shipped south at end of season.

***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.

Questions about the NIRB's work should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 EXT 570 or [femingak@nirb.ca](mailto:femingak@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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