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Reasons for Decision

Issued pursuant to paragraph 40(2)(c) of the *Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations* (MVLUR)

Land Use Permit Application	
Preliminary Screener	WLWB
Reference/File Number	W2011C0004
Applicant	New Nadina Explorations Limited
Project	Mineral Exploration, Lac de Gras, NT

**Decision from Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board
Meeting of:**

'September 5, 2012'

Application

With respect to this application, notice was given in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA. There was *No* public hearing held in association with this application.

Decision

The Board is satisfied that:

- the project has been screened pursuant to the MVRMA;
- any potential adverse environmental effects are insignificant or mitigable with known technology; and
- the project is not likely to be a source of significant public concern.

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant, the written comments received by the Board and the Staff Report prepared for the Board, the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope, and intent of the MVRMA and Regulations made thereunder, has determined that:

Land Use Permit W2011C0004 be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

- The Board is satisfied that adequate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA.
- No significant or unmitigable public concern was made known to the Board.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to W2011C0004, pursuant to the MVRMA, will significantly reduce the potential environmental impacts resulting from the project.
- The use of land proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the MVRMA.
- The Board has notified the Applicant, through a statement included in the scope of this Permit, that compliance with the terms and conditions of this Permit does not absolve the Permittee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.
- The operation will likely contribute to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region.
- The Board has reviewed the information contained in the September 5, 2012 Staff Report regarding environmental impacts and/or public concerns.
- With regard to engagement between New Nadina (the applicant) and the Akaitcho Dene First Nations:
 - In September 2011, the Board ordered further studies to be undertaken to ensure adequate engagement between Akaitcho Dene First Nations and New Nadina. Todd Slack (Yellowknives Dene First Nation (YKDFN) – Staff) was identified as the contact person by the Akaitcho Screening Office.
 - As of September 4, 2012, the Board had received correspondence from both YKDFN and New Nadina notifying the Board that an Exploration Agreement has been approved by YKDFN council and will be signed, in person, by New Nadina and YKDFN leadership at a time to be scheduled by the two parties.
 - Having received this notification, the Board considered the requirement for further studies to be completed, and then met to consider New Nadina's Land Use Permit Application at the earliest opportunity.

Land Use Permit W2011C0004 contains provisions that the Board feels necessary to ensure and monitor compliance with the MVRMA and the Regulations made thereunder and to provide appropriate safeguards in respect of the Applicant's use of the land affected by the Permit. The Board will provide additional referenced material or documents if requested in writing to do so.

SIGNATURE



Chair
Wek'èezhii Land and Water Board

September 5, 2012

Date