

Information to Inform the Determination of EA Requirements
 Please respond by: May 7, 2014

Howse Property Iron Mine -- Howse Minerals Ltd.
 Agency File No.: 005486

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1. Does the project description accurately identify the potential adverse environmental effects of the Project that would be of importance to your group or community? Yes No
 Please attach additional information that your group or community considers relevant.

2. In your opinion, could the potential changes to the environment caused by the Project result in changes to your community's:

(a) health and socio-economic conditions? Yes No
 (b) physical and cultural heritage? Yes No
 (c) current use of lands and resources for traditional purposes? Yes No
 (d) structure, site or thing that is of historical, archaeological, paleontological or architectural significance? Yes No

Specify as appropriate:

3. Does the Project have the potential to impact on your potential or established Aboriginal or Treaty rights? Yes No
 Specify as appropriate:

<Original signed by>

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MAY 8th / 2014
 Date

Please respond to the above questions by May 7, 2014 via email at <mailto:Howse@ceaa-acee.gc.ca> or fax at (902) 426-8550. Thank you.



Comments on Determination of EA Requirements;

DSO – Howse Project

May 8/2014; Nunatukavut Community council

Howse Property Project

The NunatuKavut Community Council (NCC) has reviewed Howse Minerals LTD's DSO – Howse Project Summary issued to and distributed to all parties March 2014 and prepared the following comments. The comments are presented in the following text and attempt to reflect the questions and inquiries posed from CEAA in the letter to the NCC dated March, 2014.

- 1) The Project description does not articulate many of the concerns that NCC members share, for example; Through existing Land Use Studies it is evident that our people interviewed use this land and some people, in various ways, will be affected by any future mining activities in this area. Some of our major concerns include; (1) general adverse effects on wildlife caused by loss of habitat, (2) effects on air quality from silica dust, (3) adverse effects from tailings ponds, (4) loss of Habitat in the mine site area, (5) effects on accessibility to other areas due to loss of trail routes, (6) effects on affordable housing in the area, and (7) they expressed concerns regarding hiring.

- 2) The NCC has a variety of concerns relating to the adverse environmental impacts of this project, including but not limited to;
 - The added noise, dust, water contamination, habitat loss for various species, population increase, etc. must be considered in cumulative effects.
 - We have many concerns regarding impacts on George River Caribou
 - Ongoing projects and exploration will add to the number of flights to the Schererville and Wabush Airports and general traffic in the Area.
 - How will the need for extra power affect the local communities in a region that is already strapped for available electrical power.
 - Also it is not clear to the NCC how the water table, groundwater in this region will be affected by this project and we would like to see further science work.

- 3) This Project will have a variety of impacts on our people and communities, their rights, titles and interests within the boundaries of the Project. The impacts on the NCC communities as a result of this Project are a part of a vast array of developments and government decision making that has had and continues to have dramatic and negative impacts. The Project will add significantly to these "cumulative effects." The Project Guidelines need to address the issues of cumulative

effects and cumulative impacts on the NCC communities and the general area in a detailed and substantial manner.

The NCC assertion of rights is, in law, no different and potentially of greater priority and "depth" than that of Innu claims, or Quebec North Shore Innu. All three claims are asserted (as opposed to established) claims. The fact that the NCC claim has yet to be responded to by the Federal government does not in any way colour the legal nature of that asserted right in relation to the obligation of Crown agents to consult and accommodate those rights.



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