



NIRB File No.: 24EN047
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November 19, 2024

To: The Honourable Dan Vandal
Minister of Northern Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: dan.vandal@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of White Cliff Minerals Ltd's "Rae Copper Exploration Project" Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On September 11, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received White Cliff Minerals Ltd's "Rae Copper Exploration Project" proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 24EN047.**

On October 7, 2024, the NIRB received a complete application and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On October 8, 2024, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by October 30, 2024.

Due to a request for additional time to comment on this file, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the *NuPPAA* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **November 29, 2024**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration. Should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's Public Registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125991.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Eric Sondergaard, White Cliff Minerals Ltd.
Lootie Toomasie, Nunavut Water Board
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