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**Re: NIRB File No. 25EN075: KitIA comments regarding Somerset Minerals Ltd
"Coppermine Project" Project Proposal**

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To the Nunavut Impact Review Board,

Cambridge Bay
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The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KitIA) would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to provide comments on Somerset Minerals Ltd's "Coppermine Project" Project Proposal. Please see the following comments from KitIA on the proposal at this time.

Gjoa Haven
Okhoktok
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Timing and Wildlife Sensitivities

- KitIA acknowledges the project's proposed activities including prospecting, non-invasive aerial or ground geophysical surveys, downhole geophysical surveys, rock chip sampling, till sampling, diamond drilling, and RC drilling to test targets may take place during all seasons of the year and taking place on two different camp sites. One of the proposed camp sites being on Inuit Owned Land (IOL); Camp Jura.

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- KitIA encourages all involved with Somerset Mineral for the duration of their proposed project to remain mindful of local wildlife sensitivity periods, including caribou migrating and calving during the months of May - July. Caribou are an important and staple source of food for community members of Kugluktuk, and all caribou mitigation measures and permit conditions should be thoroughly followed during this sensitive time.
- Wildlife should be closely monitored (such as grizzly bears, wolves, wolverines, foxes) to ensure safety to all those within the campsite. A bear monitor is highly recommended to have during all phases of the proposed project.

