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Via email: [gdavidson@commanderresources.com](mailto:g davidson@commanderresources.com)

Re: Application Acknowledgement for Commander Resources Ltd.'s "Baffin Gold Project" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Davidson:

On March 18, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Commander Resources Ltd.'s "Baffin Gold Project" project proposal from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA). On March 25, 2010, a Land Use Permit application was forwarded to the NIRB by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for the same project proposal (INAC File No.: N2010C0012 to replace expiring Land Use Permit N2004C004).

File History

The original application for the above noted project was received by the NIRB on March 15, 2004 from INAC and was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On April 1, 2004 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

Please be advised that Land Use Permit No. N2004C004 has been extended in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 respectively. In each of these instances of extension with INAC, the NIRB confirmed that the proposed activities had been previously been screened and were therefore exempted from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA. As such, the NIRB advised parties that the project-specific terms and conditions contained within the March April 1, 2004 Screening Decision to the Minister of INAC would continue to apply to the project.

The project activities screened in the original application include:

- Operation of an existing camp at Dewar Lake at Dewar Lakes (previously established by BHP);

- Fuel storage;
- Solid waste and waste water disposals;
- Airstrip use at Fox 3 Dew Line Station;
- Helicopter use for mobilization of personal, drills and supplies;
- Airborne and ground based magnetic and electromagnetic geophysical surveys;
- Diamond drilling; and
- Trenching for rock sampling by hand-held gas powered rock saw.

Current Project Proposal

The project is located on both Crown Lands and Inuit Owned Lands (IOL), on centre Baffin Island. The nearest community is Clyde River, located approximately 250 km northeast of the project area. The project is a continuance of mineral exploration for gold, which involves ground geophysics, prospecting, rock sampling, geological mapping, and diamond drilling. The drilling activities will mainly be carried out on IOL. This project is planned to take place from April 1, to September 15, 2010 through year 2010 to 2012.

The currently proposed project activities include:

- Refurbishment of existing Dewar camp on Crown Lands;
- Establishment and operation of a new camp (including an ice airstrip) at Malrok Lake on IOL;
- Fuel storage;
- Solid waste and waste water disposals;
- Airstrip use of Fox 3 Dew Line;
- Aircraft use (both fixed wing and helicopter) for mobilization of personal, drills and supplies;
- Winter road use;
- Ground magnetic and electromagnetic surveys, prospecting, geological mapping;
- Soil and sediment sampling;
- Diamond drilling (both land-based and on ice);
- Trenching and rock sampling by hand-held gas powered rock saw; and
- Snowmobile and other vehicle use;

The current applications from QIA and INAC, the original NIRB screening file (NIRB File No.: 04EN022), as well as previous extension applications are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2004_SCREENINGS/04EN022-Commander%20Resources/

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”

Upon a thorough review of current application, previous extension applications, and information included in the original project proposal, the NIRB is of the opinion that the proposed activities are not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the enclosed April 1, 2004 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. Prior to making its final decision on this application, the NIRB would like to provide an opportunity for interested parties to provide comments for the Board's consideration regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594. The NIRB respectfully requests that comments be submitted by **April 5, 2010**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at lwan@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4606.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Spencer Dewar, INAC
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Enclosures (3): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 04EN022 (April 1, 2004)
NIRB Comment Form (English)
NIRB Comment Form (Inuktitut)