



NIRB File No.: 04EN022
AANDC File No.: N2013C0014

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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Commander Resources Ltd.'s Baffin Gold Project Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Valcourt:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (AANDC File No. N2013C0014).

On June 27, 2013 the NIRB received an application for a new Land Use Permit (No. N2013C0014) associated with Commander Resources Ltd.'s "Baffin Gold Project" from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The new Land Use Permit would replace the previous and expiring permit as issued by AANDC (No.: N2010C0012). The NIRB assigned this project proposal to the previous NIRB File Number 04EN022, and commenced its assessment of the proposal in accordance with NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

After receiving the above referenced application, the NIRB determined that the application did not provide sufficient information to complete the assessment of the project, specifically noting that geospatial data required to confirm the project location were not provided. On July 12, 2013 and again July 27, 2013, the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information to support the Board's assessment. As of the date of this letter, the NIRB has not yet received the requested materials.

The NIRB is unable to provide a screening decision in regards to the new land use permit for Commander Resources Ltd.'s "Baffin Gold Project" proposal within the 42 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed within 21 days of receipt of the required information.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Steve Potts, Commander Resources
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