



NIRB File No.: 10EN006
INAC File No.: N2010C0002

March 10, 2010

Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Gatineau, QC

Via email: strahl.c@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Comaplex Mineral Corp.'s "Meliadine River – Mining Exploration" project proposal

Dear Honourable Chuck Strahl:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC File No. N2010C0002).

On January 28, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s (Comaplex) "Meliadine River – Mining Exploration" project proposal. On February 1, 2010 an application for a land use permit in support of the project proposal was formally referred to the NIRB for screening by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 10EN006 and commenced the Part 4 screening.

On February 3, 2010 the NIRB requested additional project-specific information from Comaplex to facilitate the screening process. This additional information has now been received and a public commenting period for the file is now underway.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 42 day time period specified by INAC as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen this project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by March 31, 2010.

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,

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Ryan Barry
Director, Technical Services

for:

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Executive Director

cc: Mark Balog, Comaplex Minerals Corp.
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