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Ms. Stephanie Autut
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Dear Ms. Autut:

The Honourable Chuck Strahl has asked me to reply to your letter of March 10, 2010, regarding screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board of land use application for Comaplex Mineral Corp.'s, "Meliadine River - Mining Exploration" Project Proposal, Kivalliq, Nunavut (NIRB 10EN006, DIAND N2010C0002). In your letter, you request additional time to screen the proposed project.

Under Article 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the period of time required for the screening of a project proposal by the Nunavut Impact Review Board may exceed 45 days with the approval of the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. I recognize that this project proposal involves unique considerations making screening within 45 days impossible for the Nunavut Impact Review Board. On the Minister's behalf, I am granting the Nunavut Impact Review Board permission to exercise this provision of the Land Claim and exceed the 45-day limit for the screening of this project. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in the review of this proposal.

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I note that the Nunavut regional office has advised you that the time period for the processing of this land use application has been extended. Should you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bernie Maclsaac, A/Regional Director General, Nunavut Region, at 867-975-4546.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Borbey', written over a horizontal line.

Patrick Borbey
Assistant Deputy Minister
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c.c.: Mr. Bernie Maclsaac