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Dear Ms. Gillard:

Re: NIRB 12EN012: Comment Request for Potential 12.4.3 Exemption to Stornoway Diamond Corporation's "Qilalugaq" Project

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to concerns raised by reviewers in the recent request for comments relating to North Arrow Minerals' amendment applications.

Firstly, with respect to concerns raised specifically by the Government of Nunavut about the Wager Bay caribou and this area's delineation as core caribou calving habitat, the sensitive time is listed as being in "early June through plant growing season". There are no exploration activities proposed to commence in the area until late July and the drilling work would be complete by approximately mid-September. Our understanding from conversations and meetings with the Hamlet and Hunters and Trappers (HTO) is that the caribou are rarely seen in the area during the summer and are more common in October. Our experience during the 2014 bulk sample would agree with that assessment.

Additionally, North Arrow met with the HTO as well as the Mayor and Council of Repulse Bay (Naujaat) in 2014 and developed, on their recommendation, a Wildlife Monitoring Protocol (attached). The document was developed in cooperation with the Hamlet and the HTO to ensure that wildlife were not negatively affected by North Arrow's exploration activities.

For the 2014 exploration work, wildlife monitors were hired to observe any wildlife, log their sightings, and report those sightings to the Hamlet and HTO daily. Upon any sighting pre-determined action was taken to mitigate impact, including the alteration of flight paths and/or altitude by the helicopter or the shutting down of all work at the sampling sight while wildlife were in the area. A summary of the actions taken under the protocol was provided to the Hamlet and the HTO and is also attached for your reference.

The Wildlife Monitoring Protocol developed for the 2014 exploration program will be applied to the proposed 2015 exploration program and the Hamlet and the HTO are aware of this.

North Arrow and Stornoway appreciate the important role caribou play in the maintenance of traditional lifestyles, including subsistence harvesting, and look forward to the opportunity to demonstrate our continued ability to work responsibly within the terms and conditions of the Land Use Permits and Water Licenses.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Armstrong', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ken Armstrong

President

Attachment: Wildlife Monitoring Protocol and Action Taken Under Wildlife Protocol in 2014