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**Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding Tundra Copper Corporation's "Coppermine-Exploration" project proposal**

Dear Nigel Luckman:

On March 5, 2015 the NIRB received Tundra Copper Corporation's (Tundra Copper) "Coppermine-Exploration" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The NIRB notes that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file as the proposed project is within a region that does not have an approved land use plan in place (Kitikmeot region).

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On March 20, 2015 the NIRB requested that Tundra Copper provide additional information in support of this proposal by March 30, 2015. On March 30, 2015 the NIRB received the requested additional information to proceed with the screening. As a result of the additional time required to receive the additional information, on April 9, 2015 the NIRB requested an extension to the screening deadline from the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development to complete the assessment of the project proposal.

On April 13, 2015 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by the Tundra Copper's project to provide comments directly to the NIRB by May 4, 2015, later extended to May 11, 2015 as a result of an extension request made by the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization.

On or before May 11, 2015 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Nunavut Wildlife Management Board
- Kitikmeot Inuit Association
- Government of Nunavut
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
- Environment Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Kugluktuk Angoniatit Association
- Government of Northwest Territories – Department of Environmental and Natural Resources
- Deline Land Corporation
- North Slave Metis Alliance
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
- Tłı̄chǫ Government
- Tuktut Nogait National Park Management Board
- Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
- Members of the Public (12)

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's public registry at

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15EN009-Tundra%20Copper-Hope%20Lake/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

A summary of the main concerns raised relate to the following:

- The proposed project is located in the Bluenose-East caribou calving ground.
- The proposed project is located in important areas used by migratory birds and nesting species.
- The status of Bluenose-East caribou herd.
- The timing of the proposed project which coincides with the time when caribou are most sensitive to disturbance.
- The potential for cumulative effects of mining and exploration in the caribou calving and post calving area.
- The current proposed wildlife and mitigation plans and reporting is lacking.
- The potential impact to other proposed stratified visual and photographic aerial surveys of Bluenose-east caribou herd in 2015 proposed by the Government of the Northwest Territories-Department of Environment and Natural Resources to provide important information on caribou numbers in the calving grounds.
- The potential impact of helicopter traffic on caribou.
- The potential impact to traditional hunting grounds (i.e., caribou and geese).
- The potential impact to livelihood and culture for residents of both Nunavut and the Northwest Territories.
- The lack of community consultation and incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit in project-related decision-making.

Due to these concerns, the NIRB would like to provide Tundra Copper with an opportunity to address all the comments prior to the Board making its decision to the Minister. The NIRB requests that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by **May 29, 2015**.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or require clarification, feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Gillard". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "K".

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