



NIRB File No. 08MN006

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Michael Boucher
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Sent via Email: mboucher@xstratazinc.ca

Re: Update Requested on Anticipated Date of Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hackett River Project

Dear Mr. Boucher,

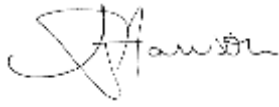
As you are likely aware, on April 7, 2009 the NIRB issued *Guidelines to the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement* to Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation (Sabina) for the Hackett River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN006). In correspondence received by the NIRB from Xstrata Zinc Canada (Xstrata) on March 16, 2012 you indicated that Xstrata had assumed ownership of the Hackett River Project and further, that Xstrata intended to submit a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in the second quarter of 2013.

In order to facilitate budgeting and planning requirements, the NIRB respectfully requests that Xstrata confirm that the original estimated timeline remains an accurate forecast, or provide an updated timeline on the anticipated submission of the DEIS, on or before **June 24, 2013**.

Please submit any forthcoming correspondence to the Board at info@nirb.ca, or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any additional questions regarding the NIRB's Review of the Hackett River Project, please contact Tara Arko, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Hanson'.

Amanda Hanson
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