



NIRB File No. 08MN006

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Sent via email: mboucher@xstratazinc.ca

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

Dear Mr. Boucher,

On April 7, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board issued the *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. On June 18, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) requested an update on Xstrata Zinc Canada's (Xstrata) proposed date for submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The NIRB did not receive a response to this inquiry.

At this point, the NIRB is requesting clarification and an update regarding project ownership and the anticipated submission date of the DEIS for the Hackett River project. The NIRB respectfully requests that a response be provided addressing these two issues by **October 18, 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 me directly at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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