



NIRB File No.: 07EN021

NPC File No.: 148337

October 21, 2016

The Honourable Joe Savikataaq
Minister of Community and Government Services
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Joe Savikataaq:

On August 17, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 07EN021.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening, therefore on August 25, 2016 requested that the Proponent provide additional information. On September 8, 2016 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. As a result of the scope of the current amendment being sought, the NIRB required additional time to confirm the scope of activities to ensure that the public commenting period would enable a complete understanding of the proposed project. On September 29, 2016 the NIRB distributed the application for comment to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted by October 20, 2016. As a result of the time necessary to allow interested parties to provide comments on the project proposal, the NIRB requires additional time to complete the screening.

Please be advised that all information pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Committee Bay
- NIRB File No.: 07EN021
- Application No.: 124698

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **October 31, 2016**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Yuliana Proenza, North Country Gold Corp.
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