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**Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Bronzite Exploration Corp's
"Somerset Trough Project" Proposal**

Dear Francis Emingak,

On February 23, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the Bronzite Exploration Corp. (Bronzite) "Somerset Trough Project" proposal. Bronzite has reviewed the comments and wishes to thank all parties for their thorough review and thoughtful comments. Bronzite looks forward to working closely with all communities and regulatory bodies as the Somerset Trough Project progresses. Below are Bronzite's responses to the reviewer comments received by NIRB.

Qikiqtani Inuit Association

Bronzite wishes to thank the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) for their comments. Bronzite intends to work closely with the QIA, as well as the regional Hunters & Trappers Associations, during all stages of the Somerset Trough Project. As noted in the Engagement Log, Bronzite has discussed the issue of low altitude flying, as well as the cultural and environmental significance of the Inuit Owned Land (IOL) with QIA during engagement sessions. As discussed with QIA, Bronzite will not conduct any activities on or over IOL without the proper consultation and approvals from QIA.

Resolute Bay Hunters & Trappers Association

Bronzite would like to thank the Directors of the Resolute Bay Hunters & Trappers Association for providing a letter of support for the Somerset Trough Project. Bronzite looks forward to continued engagement and collaboration with the Hunters & Trappers Association as the project moves forward.

Government of Nunavut – Environment

Bronzite would like to thank the Government of Nunavut (GN) for their comments. The GN has provided detailed recommendations and identified sections of the management plans that require more detail, clarity, and commitment. Bronzite intends to update and improve the management plans as the Somerset Trough Project grows in scope and potential environmental impact. The constructive feedback provided by the GN will be used to improve the Plans, and the updates will be highlighted in a Track Changes section in future versions of the documents.

Government of Nunavut – Culture and Heritage

Bronzite is committed to conducting the 2024 field program, as well as any future advanced exploration and development activities, in a culturally sensitive manner. The Bronzite Environmental Protection Plan details company procedures for conducting visual scans of work areas, reporting all suspected archeological finds, and creating sufficient buffer zones around archeological sites.

The proposed 2024 field program consists of low-impact work activities and a small camp footprint. As the Somerset Trough Project work area becomes more focused and activities advance to the drilling stage, Bronzite understands that an Archaeological Impact Assessment should be completed to identify areas that must be avoided. A list of qualified archeologists has been provided by the Government of Nunavut, and Bronzite has engaged one of the qualified archeologists to begin planning future archeological studies in the project area, possibly as early as summer or fall of this year. Bronzite will also continue to engage with communities and community members to learn more about traditional land use and history of Somerset Island.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada

Environmental Impact Matrix

Thank you for your comment. Several categories were marked as “Unknown” because the Somerset Trough Project is still in the very early exploration stage, with minimal interaction with the above listed environmental categories; therefore, very low to negligible impacts are predicted. As the project continues to develop and the future activities and areas of interest become more apparent, Bronzite is committed to conducting ongoing baseline studies to gain a detailed understanding of the existing

environment, determine the potential for effects, and develop mitigations to minimize impacts.

The Environmental Protection Plan (EPP) provides greater detail on Bronzite's plans to reduce footprint, protect nearby watercourses, protect wildlife, and minimize effects on culture and current land activities on Somerset Island. The EPP is a living document that will be updated as the project evolves.

In summary, based on the low-impact nature of the 2024 field program and implementation of the EPP, environmental effects are expected to be negligible. Bronzite recognizes that further baseline investigations will be required to assess potential effects as the scope for future field seasons develop.

Consultation with Interested Parties

Bronzite agrees that ongoing consultation and collaboration with Inuit and community organizations is paramount for the overall success of the 2024 field program and future stages of the project. As detailed in the Engagement Log, Bronzite has engaged several communities and organizations, and has provided additional translated information to describe the scope of the project and the company's long-term goals. Bronzite will make every effort to continue employing community members to assist with the project and provide any knowledge of the land and culture that they may wish to share. Bronzite has already learned a great deal about the area through the engagement process, including the cultural importance and ecological sensitivity of Creswell Bay.

Bronzite will continue to engage and collaborate with communities and provide updates as the project moves into more advanced stages. Bronzite will continue to actively seek feedback on proposed management plans, and on the company's operating plans and proposed environmental and human environment mitigations.

Environment and Climate Change Canada

Bronzite wishes to thank Environment and Climate Change (ECCC) for the detailed review of the Somerset Trough Project application and management plans. The Wildlife Management Plan, Waste Management Plan, Spill Contingency Plan, and Environmental Protection Plan are all living documents that will be updated as the project progresses from current early exploration into more advanced stages. The constructive feedback provided by ECCC will be used to improve the Plans, and the updates will be highlighted in a Track Changes section in future versions of the documents.

Bronzite wishes to thank NIRB for providing the opportunity to respond to comments. Please contact the undersigned at sam.robbs@bronziteexploration.com should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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