

NIRB File No.: 12EN018 KIA File No.: KVL312C02 NWB File No.: 2BE-MVP

April 5, 2012

Jason Rickard Vale Exploration Canada Ltd. Highway 17 West Copper Cliff, Ontario P0M 1N0

Via email: <u>Jason.Rickard@vale.com</u>

Re: <u>Application Acknowledgement and Additional Information Required for Vale Exploration Canada Inc.'s "Melville Peninsula" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Jason Rickard:

On February 15, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s (Vale) "Melville Peninsula" project proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA). On March 14, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC). Further, on March 28, 2012 the NIRB received a referral from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) to screen this project proposal. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 12EN018 – please reference this file number in future related correspondence. All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal include:

- KIA Land Use Licence III Application
- QIA Land Use Licence III Application
- Maps
- Detailed Project Description
- Non-technical Project Summaries in English and Inuktitut
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- Closure and Restoration Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan

The NIRB has undertaken a preliminary completeness check and finds that your project proposal does *not* contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. Specifically, the NIRB is requesting submission of the following information by **April 19, 2012**:

NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English (blank forms attached)

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut (blank forms attached)
- NIRB Project Specific Information Requirements (blank form attached)

Please forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Sophia Granchinho

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Attachments: NIRB Part 1 form (English and Inuktitut)

NIRB Part 2 form