

July 5, 2011

Everett Makela Vale Exploration Canada Inc. Highway 17 West Copper Cliff, ON POM 1N0

Via email: everett.makela@vale.com

Re: <u>Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination for Vale Exploration Canada Inc.'s "Southampton Island Project" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Everett Makela:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Vale Exploration Canada Inc.'s (Proponent) "Southampton Island Project" project proposal from the Proponent and the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) on July 5, 2011. The project proposal submission included the following documents:

## Received from Proponent:

- Request for NIRB Exemption
- Letter Authorizing Golder Associates Ltd. to Act as Proponent's Agent during Screening
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Land Use Permit Application Class B
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Cover Letter

## Received from KivIA:

■ Land Use License Application – Class III

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at <a href="mailto:aglukark@nunavut.ca">aglukark@nunavut.ca</a>.

Once a positive conformity determination is made, the NPC will forward its determination and any associated recommendations to the NIRB for screening, if required.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's

responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

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 **July 19, 2011.** 

- NIRB Part 1 Form in English (Enclosed)
- NIRB Part 1 Form in Inuktitut (Enclosed)
- Non-Technical Project Summary in Inuktitut

Please send all forthcoming submission to the NIRB via email to <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax to 867-983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact an environmental administrator at the NIRB at <a href="mailto:info@nirb.ca">info@nirb.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

**Tannis Bolt** 

**Environmental Administrator** 

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, NPC

Jeff Mercer, INAC Phyllis Beaulieu, NWB