

## NOTICE OF RELEASE OF SCREENING DECISION REPORT NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN016

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Re: Notice of Release of Screening Decision Report for NxGold Ltd.'s "Kuulu Project"
Proposal, Kivalliq Region, NIRB File No. 11EN016

## Dear Administrators:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs for NxGold Ltd.'s "Kuulu Project" in the Kivalliq Region, dated June 15, 2017.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment, the Board has indicated to the responsible Minister that a review of the project is not required in accordance with paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Accordingly, the NIRB awaits a response from the Minister.

In the absence of a response from the Minister, regulatory authorities should take note of paragraph 75(1)(e) of the *NuPPAA*, which provides: "A regulatory authority is not authorized to issue a licence, permit or other authorization in respect of a project if the responsible Minister has decided either that the project could be modified and an amended project submitted to the

Commission or that it is not to proceed." Contravention of section 75(1) of *the NuPPAA* will render a licence, permit or other authorization issued of no force or effect.

Please contact Jenny Klengenberg, NIRB Environmental Administrator at (867) 983-4621 or <a href="mailto:info@nirb.ca">info@nirb.ca</a> if you have any questions or require additional clarification.

Sincerely,

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**Environmental Administrator** 

cc: Sharleen Hamm, NxGold Ltd.

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 11EN016)