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**Re: Update on the BIPR project**

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Dear Parties:

As you are aware, on March 30, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence, sent jointly from Sabina and Xstrata Zinc Canada [Xstrata, now Glencore Zinc Canada (Glencore)] on their proposed re-engagement of the “Bathurst Inlet Port and Road” (BIPR or the Project) project (NIRB File No. 03UN114). On April 5, 2012 the NIRB issued correspondence to the parties to reassess the current development plans given the significant lapse in time since the BIPR review commenced (2004) and was suspended (2008) and recent change in ownership for the Project.

On March 28, 2013 Sabina and Glencore issued an updated Project Description for the BIPR Project. Prior to determining whether the BIPR Review can be re-engaged, the NIRB assessed whether the revised Project Description is consistent with the scope of the original BIPR project proposal referred to the Board for screening or review as per Part 4 and 5 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The Board invited interested parties and authorizing agencies to make submissions to the Board in regards to the following:

- Does the amendment to the scope as presented by Xstrata and Sabina on December 19, 2012 significantly change the scope of the original proposal as referred to Review by the Minister on May 6, 2004;
- Confirmation from responsible authorities as to the types of authorizations that would be required for the implementation of the new Project scope, including a consideration given to recent legislative changes which may affect the necessary regulatory instruments; and
- Any further comments regarding the proposed project amendment and/or re-engagement of the BIPR Review.

On May 8, 2013 based upon the Board's review of the revised BIPR Project and the comments received from interested parties and authorizing agencies, the NIRB issued an Addendum to the Guidelines to the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the BIPR Project.

On December 20, 2013 the NIRB received indication that Sabina and Glencore had been anticipating further studies and reports in late 2013 and early 2014 and would provide the NIRB with an update on the project by December 23, 2014 on the next steps for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the BIPR project.

To assist with planning for 2015-2016, the Board requests that Sabina and Glencore provide an update on its intentions to prepare and submit a DEIS in order to continue the NIRB's Review process for the BIPR Project. The NIRB respectfully requests that this written indication is submitted by **February 9, 2015**.

Please submit any forthcoming correspondence to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any additional questions on the process moving forward, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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