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Dear Ms. Payette,

RE: NIRB FILE # 08MN006 – HACKETT RIVER MINE PROJECT

With reference to NIRB request of February 7, 2008 the Canadian Arctic Resources Committee (CARC) has reviewed the information provided to date as submitted by Sabina Silver Corp for a mine development at Hackett River.

The components for the mine and the proposed link to the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPAR) currently under review by the NIRB have potential impacts on the calving grounds of the Bathurst Caribou herd and subsequently on the people dependent upon access to the herd and other trans boundary users of the caribou. Alternative routing for road access to a port for the mine needs further consideration if the social, harvesting and economic interests of the people in the area are to be satisfied.

We recommend that the NIRB deal with this project as with BIPAR under the NLCA 12.4.4 (b) and provide a Part 5 review for this proposal.

In closing thank you for the opportunity to respond to this screening at this point in the process.

Yours truly,

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