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Dear Ms. Payette:

**Subject: Hackett River Mine Project NIRB Part 4 Notice of Screening**

Transport Canada (TC) Environmental Affairs would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the opportunity to participate in the Part 4 Screening process for the Hackett River Mine Project Proposal located within the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.

The Hackett River Project description and supporting documents have been reviewed at cursory level taking into consideration our departments mandate. Several works identified in the project description may pose interference to safe navigation and possibly require Formal Approval under the *Navigable Waters Protection Act*. Transport Canada may be able to provide expertise on other project components and activities associated with this proposal as they relate to our overall responsibilities.

The Hackett River Project Proposal is a large-scale mine development that includes works and physical activities that could have the potential to cause adverse environmental impacts. We are of the opinion that the scale and nature of the Hackett River Mine Project Proposal is similar to that of other base metal and precious mining project developments that have undergone NIRB reviews. TC is of the view that this project warrants a review under Article 12.4.4 (b), Part 5 or Part 6, of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. That said, TC recommends that scoping of the project and environmental assessment occur prior to the referral to the Ministers with Jurisdictional Responsibility. Implementing, this scoping exercise would aid in acquiring essential information beneficial to informing all interested parties prior to Ministerial decisions that must be taken for this environmental assessment.

Transport Canada looks forward to working with the NIRB on the environmental review of the Hackett River Mine Project. If you have any questions or concerns with respect to these comments, I can be contacted via email at [morrejp@tc.gc.ca](mailto:morrejp@tc.gc.ca) or by telephone at 204-983-5857.

Sincerely,

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