



NIRB File No.: 08MN006  
INAC File No.: 76F/15-1  
KIA File No.: KTL303C010  
NWB File No.: 2AM-HAK----

March 17, 2008

Honourable Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Gatineau, QC

Via email: [Strahl.C@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Strahl.C@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Sabina Silver Corporation's Hackett River Project Proposal**

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Dear Honourable Mr. Strahl:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC File No. 76F/15-1, KIA File No. KTL303C010).

On January 21, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Hackett River project proposal from Sabina Silver Corporation (Sabina). On February 5, 2008 the NIRB received correspondence from the Nunavut Water Board informing NIRB of Sabina's Type 'A' Water License Application, in addition to receiving an Application for a Land Use Permit from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. At that point, the NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 08MN006 and commenced the Part 4 screening.

Due to an administrative backlog related to the recent lack of quorum due to vacancies on the Board, the NIRB will be unable to provide a screening decision for this project within the original 45 day timeframe allotted under the NLCA. Therefore, the NIRB requires a short extension from your office in order to complete the screening of this project proposal. We anticipate providing you with a decision within a week of the original deadline (which was Friday March 21<sup>st</sup> 2008).

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested Parties on the extension.

