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Stephanie Autut Executive Director Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) PO Box 1360 CAMBRIDGE BAY NU X0B 0C0 08MN006

Dear Ms. Autut:

The Honourable Chuck Strahl has asked me to reply to your letter of March 17, 2008 regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on land lease application "Sabina Silver Corporation, Mineral Development and Access Road, Hackett River Area, Kitikmeot, NU, (NIRB 08MN006, DIAND 76F/15-1)". In your letter, you requested additional time to screen the proposed project pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

I note that the Land Administration Office of the Nunavut Regional Office has responded to your request and granted the NIRB the additional time required. Should you have further questions or requirements, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Nadler, Regional Director General, Nunavut Region at (867) 975-4503.

Sincerely,

Patrick Borbey

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