



November 14, 2008

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And the Hackett River Distribution List

RE: The NIRB's Public Scoping Report for the Hackett River Project

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has completed scoping of the Hackett River Project (the Project). In addition to soliciting input from government departments, Inuit Organizations, and other interested agencies regarding the *draft* scope of the Project, the NIRB has an obligation to engage members of those communities potentially affected by the Project, and to consider any comments or concerns raised during community consultations.

From October 15th to 31st, 2008, the NIRB facilitated public scoping meetings, open houses and other presentations in the communities of Cambridge Bay, Umingmaktok, Kugluktuk, Kugaaruk, Taloyoak, and Gjoa Haven. Through these sessions, the NIRB fulfilled its obligation to promote public awareness of the review process and to enable public participation throughout the environmental assessment of the Hackett River Project.

Please review the attached *Public Scoping Report for the NIRB's Part 5 Review of Sabina Silver Corporation's Hackett River Project* for a detailed discussion of the NIRB's scoping process, including a summary of comments and concerns raised during visits to the communities.

The comments and concerns which were raised during the public scoping meetings and during public commenting periods provide invaluable input to the NIRB's creation of Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for the Hackett River Project. Comments and concerns will therefore be incorporated into the NIRB's second revision of the *draft* EIS Guidelines for the Hackett River Project, to be released following the NIRB-facilitated Hackett River EIS Guideline Workshop to be held in Yellowknife, November 21, 2008.

While the *Public Scoping Report* has been attached for information purposes only at this point, any questions or concerns regarding the NIRB's scoping of the Hackett River Project proposal should be directed to the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Amanda Hanson, at ahanson@nirb.ca, or (867) 983-4615.

Sincerely,



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Director, Technical Services

Attachment: *Public Scoping Report for the NIRB's Part 5 Review of Sabina Silver Corporation's Hackett River Project*

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