



NIRB File No.: 08MN006

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Sent via email: michel.boucher@glencore-ca.com

Re: Update Requested on Anticipated Date of Submission of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Hackett River Project Proposal

Dear Michel Boucher,

As you are aware, on April 7, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) issued the *Guidelines to the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement* to Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation for the proposed Hackett River Project (NIRB File No. 08MN006). In correspondence received by the NIRB from Xstrata Zinc Canada (Xstrata; now Glencore Canada Corporation or Glencore) on March 16, 2012 you indicated that Xstrata had assumed ownership of the Hackett River Project and further, that Xstrata intended to submit a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in the second quarter of 2013. On October 7, 2013 the NIRB requested an update with respect to Glencore's proposed submission date for the DEIS, and received an update on December 20, 2013 indicating a projected submission date of December 23, 2014.

On September 18, 2014 the NIRB requested an additional update regarding Glencore's anticipated submission date for the DEIS. On October 2, 2014 the NIRB received correspondence from Glencore indicating that a firm timeline for the submission of the DEIS had not been established and that the anticipated December 23, 2014 submission date was no longer valid. On October 2, 2015 the NIRB requested its most recent update regarding the anticipated DEIS submission date, to which Glencore responded on October 7, 2015 that it would inform the NIRB once it had developments that could bring about the submission of a DEIS.

To assist with planning, the NIRB requests that Glencore provide an update with respect to the anticipated date for submission of the DEIS for the Hackett River Project. The NIRB respectfully requests that Glencore provide a response by **January 30, 2017**.

All information associated with the NIRB's Review of the Hackett River Project proposal can be accessed online at www.nirb.ca using any of the following search criteria:

Project Name: Sabina Hackett River Mine
NIRB File No.: 08MN006
Application Number: 123909

Please submit forthcoming correspondence to our office via email to info@nirb.ca, or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the NIRB's Review of the Hackett River Project, please contact me directly at (867) 983-4615 or dstpierre@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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