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**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screenings for Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s Meliadine Lake Mining Exploration Project Proposal, Quarry Project Proposal and Extension Application for Overland Resupply and Fuel Caching Permit**

Dear Mr. B. Sandy Barham:

On January 8, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Comaplex Minerals Corporation's (Comaplex) Meliadine Lake Mining Exploration project proposal and Quarry project proposal. Furthermore, on January 16, 2008, the NIRB received a Class B Land Use Permit and a Quarry Permit application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for noted project proposals. At the same time, the NIRB received an extension request from INAC for Comaplex's Overland Resupply and Fuel Caching Permit N2006X0012 (originally screened on June 27, 2006). The NIRB has assigned these project proposals a collective file number, 08EN005.

This ongoing mining exploration project is located in Keewatin region of Nunavut. The nearest community is Rankin Inlet, located approximately 40 km south of the project site. The proposed mining exploration operation period is planned from the year 2008 to 2010.

The project proposal involves the following:

- Diamond drilling;
- Prospecting and Mapping;
- Ground and/or airborne geographical surveys;
- Claim staking and trenching.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at [http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\\_SCREENINGS/08EN005-Comaplex%20Minerals/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/08EN005-Comaplex%20Minerals/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/) including:

- *Application for Quarrying Permit from INAC*
- *Application for Land Use Permit from INAC including*

- *Fuel Management and Spill Contingency Plan*
- *Field Operation-Advance Exploration, Drilling Environmental system*
- *Maps*

In regards to the extension request, the Land Use Permit N2006X0012 for overland resupply and caching was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on June 27, 2006 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) Screening Decision to INAC allowing the proposed winter road project to proceed, subject to specific terms and conditions (NIRB file No. 06RN050).

The original NIRB screening files are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

[http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\\_SCREENINGS/COMPLETED\\_SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2006\\_SCREENINGS/06RN050-Comaplex%20Minerals%20Corp.%20\(Meliadine\)/](http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/COMPLETED_SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2006_SCREENINGS/06RN050-Comaplex%20Minerals%20Corp.%20(Meliadine)/).

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB has determined that the proposed extension does not change the scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is re-issuing the same recommended terms and conditions as those in the attached June 27, 2006 Screening Decision report (attached).

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the Quarry and Exploration Project Proposal. NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

NIRB is copying interested parties and municipalities most affected by the aforementioned project proposals, and are requesting that interested parties and persons comment directly to the NIRB by February 22, 2008.

NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposals are likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposals are likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the projects are of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at [lpayette@nirb.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan at 867-983-4606 or [liwan@nirb.ca](mailto:liwan@nirb.ca)

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Attachment: Comment Form  
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