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Subject: NIRB: 08EN043-Notice Part 4 Screening and Comment Request
Attachments: 080425-08EN043-Notice_Part_4_Screening_and_Comment_Request-OT1E_2_.pdf; 080423-08EN043-COMMENT FORM FOR NIRB SCREENINGS-OEAE.docx

Dear Mr. Roger March:

On April 7, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Meliadine Resources Ltd.'s (Meliadine Resources) *Meliadine East* Project Proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA). Also on April 7, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this project proposal. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **08EN043**. Upon a preliminary completeness check, NIRB determined that there was insufficient information to conduct a Part 4 screening. On April 11, 2008 NIRB requested Meliadine Resources provide the required information on or before April 18, 2008.

On April 23, 2008 NIRB received the requested information from Meliadine Resources.

This project is located in the Keewatin Region of Nunavut, 15 km north of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. The purpose of the proposed diamond drilling program is to discover gold deposit area on the Meliadine East property. The proposed project would be conducted from June to September 2008.

The project proposal includes the following activities/components:

- Campsite renovation (operation was authorized by KVL204J31);
- Helicopter operation for drop-offs and pick-ups of site personnel and site supplies;
- Geological mapping and prospecting;
- Diamond drilling (20-30 holes, approximately 4000 m);
- Fuel storage;
- Waste disposal; and
- Drill site restoration upon the close of the field season.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/~SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/08EN043-Meliadine_Resources_Ltd/ including:

- *KIA Inuit Owned Land Use Permit Application Form*
- *Nunavut Planning Commission Application for Determine Conformity with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan.*
- *NIRB Part 1 Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 2 Application Form in English*
- *Non Technical Project Proposal Summary in English and Inuinnaqtun*
- *Maps*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, NIRB shall proceed to screen this 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 project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **May 14, 2008**.

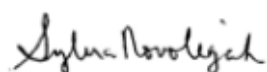
NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is 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 by email at lpayette@nirb.ca or by fax: (867) 983-2594

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Li Wan at 1-867-983-4606 or liwan@nirb.ca.

Best regards,



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