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KivIA File No.: KVCL102J168

NWB File No.: Amendment to 2BB-MEL0709

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Re: Application Exempt from Screening under Section 12.4.3: Comaplex Minerals Corp's Meliadine West Gold project

Dear Luis Manzo and Phyllis Beaulieu:

On September 24, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Comaplex Minerals Corp's (Comaplex) "Meliadine West Gold" project proposal. The conformity determination included an application for an amendment to an existing Water Licence with the Nunavut Water Board (2BB-MEL0709).

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 07EN044) was screened by the NIRB in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 3, 2007, the NIRB issued a 12.4.4 (a) decision to the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

In this application to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), the following amendments are proposed by Comaplex:

- Build a semi-permanent fuel berm of sufficient size to hold all fuel bladders and drums currently on the Meliadine West property; and,
- Allow a very small land soil farm on the waste rock pad.

The amendment request and the original NIRB screening file (NIRB File No.: 07EN044) are available at the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07EN044-Comaplex_Minerals_Corporation/1-SCREENING/

In regards to the land farm, Comaplex has commenced land farming of hydrocarbon impacted soils (from the "esker fuelling station") and requested that the NWB consider an amendment to their water licence to allow land farming of affected soils as required for the project. The NIRB request that any future amendments to the project be forwarded to the NIRB for consideration as it may be subject to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project."

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB has determined that the amendment does not change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore, the NIRB is re-issuing the recommended project specific terms and conditions in the July 3, 2007 Screening Decision (attached).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or (867) 983-4605.

Best regards,



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cc: Mark Balog, Comaplex Minerals Corp.

Attachment: NIRB Screening Report Decision, File No.: 07EN044 (July 3, 2007)