



NIRB File No.: 07EN044

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Meliadine West Gold Project  
Comaplex Minerals Corporation  
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Via email: [mbalog@comaplex.com](mailto:mbalog@comaplex.com)

**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Meliadine West Gold Underground Exploration and Bulk Sample Project Proposal**

Dear Mark Balog:

On May 3, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Meliadine West Gold Underground Exploration and Bulk Sample (Bulk Sample) project proposal from Comaplex Minerals Corporation (Comaplex). On May 10, 2007 an application for this project proposal was forwarded to NIRB by the Kivalliq Inuit Association, and on May 14, 2007 NIRB was notified by the Nunavut Planning Commission that the project proposal had received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan). NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number, 07EN044.

The project is located in the Kivalliq Region, and the nearest communities are Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet.

The following is a summary of the *main* project activities<sup>1</sup>:

- Overburden removal
- Use of existing 2.7km all-weather road
- Increase in personnel use (18-25 people) of existing camp, and construction of minor upgrades to camp (covered under existing permits)
- Transportation to project site of 150-250 tonnes of equipment for underground operations
- Fuel transportation from Rankin Inlet via overland haul route
- Fuel storage of approximately 1 million litres of fuel (diesel, fuel oil, aviation, gasoline, propane)
- Explosives transportation
- Total explosives use of approximately 115,000 kg; on-site storage facilities (magazines) for approximately 36,000kg
- Chemical transportation and storage of approximately 68,000kg of calcium chloride
- Portal and underground ramp construction
- On-site sample processing of approximately 12,860kg of mineralized rock
- Off-site sample processing of a 10 tonne sample of mineralized rock
- Use of some waste rock as construction material for pads and road beds and excess waste rock to be stored on waste rock pad

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<sup>1</sup> As described in *May 2007 Project Proposal – Application to Conduct Underground Mineral Exploration and Assemble a Bulk Sample* and *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*

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- Ore storage on ore pad adjacent to ramp portal
- Stockpiles of topsoil, and frozen and unfrozen till
- Abandonment and site restoration

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at [ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\\_SCREENINGS/07EN044-Comaplex\\_Minerals\\_Corporation/1-SCREENING/](ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/07EN044-Comaplex_Minerals_Corporation/1-SCREENING/) including:

- *May 15, 2007 Letter from Mark Balog to Carolanne Inglis-McQuay Re: Clarification Regarding Advanced Exploration versus Mining Development*
- *Nunavut Planning Commission Conformity Determination*
- *May 3, 2007 Letter from Mark Balog to Stephanie Briscoe Re: Application*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *Project Proposal – Application to Conduct Underground Mineral Exploration and Assemble a Bulk Sample*
- *Figures and Photographs*
- *Appendices:*
  - *Appendix 1 – Acid Base Accounting*
  - *Appendix 3 – Environmental Management System*
  - *Appendix 4 – Spill Response*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the subject 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 Comaplex's Bulk Sample project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 6, 2007**.

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 at [lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 867-983-4607 or [cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca).

Sincerely,



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         Comment Form