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Via email: mbalog@comaplex.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Comaplex Mineral Corp.'s "Meliadine River – Mining Exploration" project proposal

Dear Mark Balog:

On January 28, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s (Comaplex) "Meliadine River – Mining Exploration" project proposal. On February 1, 2010 an application for a land use permit in support of the project proposal was referred to the NIRB for screening by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **10EN006** – please reference this file number in all future related correspondence.

On February 3, 2010 the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and requested additional information from Comaplex. All documents requested were received by the NIRB office on February 10, 2010.

The proposed project area is located in Kivalliq region approximately 6 kilometres (km) northwest of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. The program is proposed to take place from April 1, 2010 to April 30, 2012.

The project activities include:

- Claim staking;
- Surface prospecting and mapping;
- Ground geophysical (magnetic) surveys;
- On land diamond drilling (using a LF70 drill) to assess potential gold deposits. The first year approximately 2500 metres (m) will be drilled; additional diamond drilling may be conducted in the next two years depending on what is identified in 2010;
- Movement of drill by helicopter to drill sites to different sites;

- Geotechnical drilling on the banks of the Meliadine River (within 31 metres of high water mark) to assess current bedrock conditions in support of a potential all weather-road and bridge (not included in current project proposal);
- Conduct environmental and heritage studies in support of potential all weather-road and bridge over the Meliadine River;
- Use of existing camp at Meliadine Lake or use of facilities at Rankin Inlet;
- Potential daily transportation of crew and equipment from Meliadine Lake camp with helicopter or transportation of crew from Rankin Inlet with vehicles;
- Fuel storage at drill sites;
- Water usage for drilling;
- Use of calcium chloride for drilling purposes; and
- Removal of wastes for disposal at Meliadine Lake camp or at Rankin Inlet.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/10EN006-Comaplex%20Minerals/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Fisheries and Oceans Canada Notification Application*
- *Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Land Use Permit Application*

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

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by Comaplex's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 9, 2010**.

The 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 NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Kelli Gillard at 867-983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Distribution List
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Enclosures: NIRB Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)