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Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq
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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

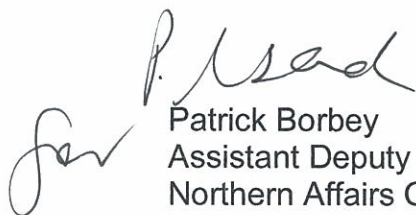
The Honourable Chuck Strahl has asked me to reply to your letter of March 19, 2010 regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on land use application for Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s "Meliadine River - Mining Exploration" Project, Kivalliq, Nunavut (NIRB 10EN006, DIAND N2010C0002).

Under Article 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NIRB is required to advise the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development of its screening decision on project proposals. As indicated in your letter, the NIRB has determined that this project proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The NIRB has also recommended terms and conditions that may be attached to regulatory approvals for the project. I would like to thank the NIRB for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

In order to expedite the issuance of regulatory authorizations, it is important that the appropriate regulatory authorities are advised of NIRB screening decisions. For this reason, I appreciate your efforts to copy the Land Administration Unit of the Department's Nunavut Regional Office on this and other screening decisions.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Bernie MacIsaac, A/Regional Director General, Nunavut Region, at 867-975-4546.

Sincerely,



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