



NIRB File No.: 08EN005
INAC File No.: N2007C0041

April 21, 2010

Honourable Minister Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
c/o Spencer Dewar, Manager of Land Administration
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: strahl.c@parl.gc.ca

**Re: Application Exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:
Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s "Quarry/Mining Exploration, Meliadine Lake,
Kivalliq" project**

Dear Minister Chuck Strahl:

On April 6, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s (Comaplex) "Quarry/Mining Exploration, Meliadine Lake, Kivalliq" project proposal. This application is for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2007C0041.

On January 8, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Comaplex's "Meliadine Lake Mining Exploration and Quarry" project proposal. On January 16, 2008, the NIRB received applications for a Land Use Permit and a Quarry Permit from INAC for this project proposal, as well as an extension request for Comaplex's overland resupply and fuel caching activities, permitted under INAC File No. N2006X0012 (original NIRB File No. 06RN050).

The activities and components that comprise the current project proposal have been previously screened by the Board (NIRB File No(s). 06RN050 and 08EN005) in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On June 27, 2006 and on March 27, 2008 respectively, the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decisions to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed projects could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The INAC application, the original NIRB screening files and Screening Decisions for 06RN050 and 08EN005 are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/>

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 is of the understanding that the application received from INAC does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original June 27, 2006 and March 27, 2008 Screening Decision Reports (enclosed).

The Board is currently screening Comaplex's bulk sampling program (NIRB File No. 10EA018), and is in receipt of a project description for Comaplex's mining development proposal; please be advised that the current exemption pursuant to NLCA 12.4.3 does not apply to these particular projects.

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

Best regards,



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cc: Mark Balog, Comaplex Minerals Corp.
Sandy Barham, Comaplex Minerals Corp.
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosures (2): NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 06RN050 (June 27, 2006)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No: 08EN005 (March 27, 2008)