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Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Gatineau, QC

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

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s "Meliadine Gold Underground Exploration" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Chuck Strahl:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above.

On February 25, 2010 the NIRB received Comaplex Minerals Corp.'s (Comaplex) "Meliadine Gold Underground Exploration" project proposal directly from Comaplex. On March 8, 2010 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number **10EA018** and commenced the Part 4 screening.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by **April 30, 2010**.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested Parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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