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Via email: gordmckinnon@gmail.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Canadian Orebodies Inc.'s (COBI) "Belcher Island Diamond Drilling Program" project proposal

Dear Gordon McKinnon:

On April 19, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Canadian Orebodies Inc.'s (COBI) "Belcher Island Diamond Drilling Program" project proposal from your office. On May 5, 2011 the Government of Nunavut – Community & Government Services (GN-CGS) referred the project proposal to the NIRB for screening. A conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission is not required for this proposal as it would occur in the South Baffin region which does not have an approved land use plan. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11EN024. Please reference this number in all future correspondence.

The project is located on Belcher Island and partially within the Municipal Boundaries of Sanikiluaq in the Qikiqtaaluk region. The objective of the proposed project is to conduct land-based drilling to explore potential iron ore deposits annually between May and October from 2011 to 2013.

The project activities include:

- Establish a 30 person camp;
- Ground and air geophysical assessment on Commissioners Land and Inuit Owned Land;
- Diamond drilling for two (2) years using three (3) drills for a total 30,000 metres drilled;
- Storing 82,000 litres (L) of diesel, 82,000 L of aviation fuel, 2,000 L of gasoline, and 20-100 pound tanks of propane fuel on site;
- Helicopter transport of drilling equipment, crew, and supplies;
- Combustible wastes incinerated on site with non-combustible and hazardous wastes removed for disposal at an approved landfill.

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

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English,*
- *NIRB Part 2 PSIR Table,*
- *Maps,*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut,*
- *Contingency Plan,*
- *Abandonment and Restoration Plan,*
- *QIA Applications and License,*
- *NWB Application,*
- *GN-CGS Request for Screening.*

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 COBI's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **June 1, 2011**.

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 NIRB's Assistant Technical Advisor, Tara Arko at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)