

August 18, 2009

Dean Besserer, VP Weststar Resources Corporation Suite 1128 – 789 West Pender Street Vancouver, BC, V6C 1H2

Via email: dbessere@apexgeoscience.com

Re: <u>Application Pending NPC Conformity for Weststar Resources Corporation's Ellesmere Island Coal Project Proposal</u>

Dear Dean Besserer:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Weststar Resources Corporation's (Weststar) Ellesmere Island Coal project proposal from Weststar on August 14, 2009. The Project Proposal submission included the following documents:

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English
- NIRB Part 2 Application Form Project Specific Information Requirements
- Maps
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- Fuel Management Plan
- Spill Contigency Plan
- Waste Management Plan
- Wildlife Mitigation Plan
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Application and Cover Letter
- Qikiqtani Inuit Association Application and Cover Letter
- Nunavut Water Board Application, Supplemental Questionnaire and Cover Letter

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. Pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the project proposal must be sent to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination with this Plan. This can be done by contacting Brian Aglukark at NPC (phone: 867-857-2242 email: aglukark@nunavut.ca).

Once a conformity determination is made, the NPC will forward its determination and recommendations to NIRB. At that time NIRB will carry out screening of the Project Proposal in accordance with Article 12 of the NLCA.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette, at 867-983-4605 or lpayette@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Leslie Payette

Manager of Environmental Administration

Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brian Aglukark, NPC

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