



NIRB File No.: 09EN067
INAC File No.: N2009C0014

October 26, 2009

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 Weststar Resources Corp.'s Ellesmere Island Coal 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 (N2009C0014).

On October 9, 2009 the NIRB was forwarded a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Region) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Weststar Resources Corporation's "Ellesmere Island Coal" project proposal. However due to the information being sent to an inactive email account, the NIRB did not receive the above application until October 23, 2009. The NIRB has since assigned this project proposal file number 09EN067 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 December 7, 2009.

If this request is approved, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stephanie Autut', enclosed within a faint rectangular border.

Stephanie Autut,
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Dean Besserer, Weststar Resources Corporation
Brian O'Mara, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board