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Re: Clarification Questions for NIRB Application for Ellesmere Island Coal Exploration Program

Dear Ms. Gillard,

Please find below additional clarification as requested with respect to Weststar Resource Corporations ("Weststar") proposed Ellesmere Island Coal Exploration Program.

1. *As NIRB would like to include the permanent (seasonal) camp in the current application, would you let us know how you plan to get your initial equipment to camp? You give a complete description of how things will be taken out at the end of each season, but we just require a bit more information for the start of each season to get an overall scope of the project to assess the whole picture.*

Westar proposes to mobilize camp materials and fuel via Ice Breaker ship and/or fixed wing aircraft to the Eureka weather station, Ellesmere Island, NU. The Eureka weather station is located approximately 25 kilometres to the west of Westar's Eureka Sound Coal Permits. Materials and fuel will then be flown via helicopter Twin-Otter fixed wing aircraft to the proposed camp site.

2. *Under the storage of Hazardous waste contained within the Waste Management plan on page 3 under the heading Storage, second paragraph says "Petroleum products will be stored a minimum of 100 m from the high water mark of any water body." I assume you are referring to Hazardous waste here and not Petroleum because in your application and in the fuel storage document you say all Petroleum products will be stored a minimum of 31 m from the normal high water mark. Please confirm the above statement.*

The statement incorrectly refers to Petroleum products and should read: All hazardous waste material (i.e. used oil, oil filters, used absorbent pads, paint, chemicals, batteries and used grease) will be stored a minimum of 100 m from the high water mark of any water body. All Petroleum products (i.e full fuel drums, oil containers etc.) will be stored a minimum of 31 m from the normal high water mark.

3. *For Fuel Caches, you list two different distances from water sources. In the documentation for NIRB you refer to 31 m from the normal high water mark and under waste management and fuel storage documentation you say you will store products 100 m from the high water mark. Can you confirm which distance you will be using?*

Please refer to question 2 above regarding clarification with respect to storage of Petroleum products vs. Hazardous wastes.

4. *Please clarify how you will handle fuel at your drill sites in both the short term (less than 12 hours) or if you will be at a site for longer than 12 hours how the site will differ.*

It is expected that that drilling operations at each proposed site will be conducted over a 24-72 hour period. Drilling operations will be conducted by a two man crew working one of two, 12 hour shifts during each 24 hour period. Thus drill sites will be continuously monitored. Only the amount of fuel required to complete one drill hole will be stored at the drill site (approximately 2-4 drums). This fuel will be stored using secondary containment (i.e portable "instaberm" or polyethylene drums trays) at a minimum of 31 metres from the normal high water mark of any water bodies.

5. *Can you confirm how often you will be checking the fuel caches? Most of your documentation says daily, but in your spill contingency plan under section 2.0 facilities you say daily inspections will be performed and documented, however later in the document under section 4.0 you say that only fuel caches containing 20 or more barrels will be inspected daily.*

All fuel caches will be inspected on a daily basis while exploration crews and drilling are active. It is anticipated that during exploration; in addition to the main fuel cache located at the camp site, 1 or 2 temporary fuel caches may be utilized. These temporary fuel caches will be used to support area exploration drilling activities. Temporary fuel caches will be removed prior to the end of the exploration season.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

On behalf of Weststar Resources Corp.,



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