



NIRB File No.: 09EN067

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Via email: dbesserer@apexgeoscience.com

Re: Final Opportunity to Address Comments Received Regarding Weststar's "Ellesmere Island Coal Exploration" Project Proposal

Dear Dean Besserer:

On August 14, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Weststar Resources Corporation's (Weststar) "Ellesmere Island Coal Exploration" project proposal (the Project). On August 18, 2009 Weststar was notified that the proposed project appeared to be located in an area which required conformity to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). On October 23, 2009 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for the file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 09EN067.

As you are aware, the NIRB invited interested Parties and municipalities most affected by the Project to comment directly to the NIRB by November 25, 2009. On November 27, 2009 the NIRB provided Weststar with an opportunity to respond to comments on or before December 7, 2009. On December 12, 2009 Weststar's response was then sent out for interested parties to assess and comment on by December 16, 2009. The NIRB received a request from Government of Nunavut – Department of the Environment on December 16, 2009 to allow for more time to comment. The NIRB granted this extension until January 15, 2010.

On or before January 15, 2010 the NIRB received comments from the following interested Parties:

- Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- The Government of Nunavut - Department of Environment
- Members of the Public

All documents comments received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/09EN067-Weststar%20Resources%20Corporation/1-SCREENING/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>

Areas of concern included the following:

- Potential for archaeological (Paleoeskimo) and paleontological (Fossil Forest) site disturbance by the project at identified and unidentified sites in the area,
- Potential impacts on caribou and muskox critical habitat and calving areas,
- Potential concerns regarding public consultation, and
- Potential concerns regarding socio-economic benefits of the project.

Prior to making its determination for this file, the Board would like to provide a final opportunity to Weststar to address the concerns raised during the public commenting period. The NIRB requests that a response be provided directly to info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594 on or before **January 29, 2010**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 867-983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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