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Committee Bay Resources Ltd. c/o Alan Vosburgh #220, 9797 – 45<sup>th</sup> Ave Edmonton, AB T6E 5V8

Via email: alanv@committeebay.com

## Re: <u>Application Acknowledgement and Notice of Part 4 Screening for Committee Bay Resources Campsite and Mining Exploration Project Proposal</u>

Dear Mr. Vosburgh:

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Committee Bay Resources' Campsite and Mining Exploration Project proposal. After a pre-screening review it was determined that NIRB required additional information from Committee Bay Resources Ltd. prior to commencing the Part 4 Screening for the Campsite and Mining Exploration Project. On March 16, 2007 NIRB received the additional information from Committee Bay necessary to commence the Part 4 Screening.

## The project activities include:

- Delivery of equipment, fuel and supplies required for program
- Ice strip construction for temporary airstrip on lake at Hayes Camp
- Exploration and drilling on ice and on land
- Repositioning of drill equipment
- Use of existing airstrip at Crater Lake Camp
- Landing of aircraft with tundra tires on an esker at Ingot Camp
- Use of existing seasonal exploration camps at Ingot, Crater, Hayes and Bullion camps
- Chemical storage of drilling fluids
- Fuel transportation and storage
- Geochemical soil sampling
- Gridding and ground geophysical surveys
- Geological mapping and prospecting, sampling (rock, till and water) and stacking
- Consumption of water for drilling purposes
- Generation of waste and wastewater

- Preparation of landing site for helicopter
- Baseline environmental work at Hayes Camp

NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 07EN021. All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <a href="http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\_SCREENINGS/07EN021-Committee\_Bay/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/">http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\_SCREENINGS/07EN021-Committee\_Bay/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/</a> including:

- Indian and Northern Affairs Land Use Application
- NPC Conformity Determination
- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English
- Maps
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in English
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut
- *Table 1 Identification of Environmental Impacts*
- Environmental Procedure Plan for Exploration and Remote Camps
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Incinerator Specification
- Material Safety Data Sheets

In correspondence dated March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, NIRB requested supplemental information in order to complete the environmental screening of this project, namely completion of NIRB's Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirement form, description of Ingot Camp and Crater Camp, and additional and more comprehensive information regarding mitigation and monitoring plans for caribou (some information not related to these items was received). To date NIRB has not received this requested additional information. Therefore, at this time, NIRB shall proceed with the environmental screening process (without this supplemental information) in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to its ftp site at

http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\_SCREENINGS/07EN021-Committee Bay/1-SCREENING/02-DISTRIBUTION/ for public access.

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by Committee Bay's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 11<sup>th</sup>**, **2007**. Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette at <a href="mailto:lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca">lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca</a>.

NIRB is also requesting copies of any draft authorizations the Proponent may be subject to by April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Sophia Granchinho at 867-983-4606 or sgranchinho@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,

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## Sophia Granchinho Technical Advisor

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Attachments: Comment Form