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Jo Price North Country Gold Corp. Suite 220, 9797-45th Ave. Edmonton, AB T6E 5V8

Via email: jop@northcountrygold.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay Project Hayes Camp and Airstrip" project proposal

Dear Jo Price:

On December 16, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received North Country Gold Corp. (NCG)'s Committee Bay Project Hayes Camp and Airstrip project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs (INAC). As this is in conjunction with the existing NCG exploration project at Committee Bay, the NIRB has assigned this project proposal the previous file number **07EN021**.

The project is located in the Kitikmeot region approximately 220 kilometres (km) southwest of Kugaaruk, on the northern border of the Ukkusiksalik National Park. The program is proposed to take place from March 1, 2011 to October 15, 2016.

The proposed project activities include: Upgrading camp infrastructure to accommodate up to 100 persons by adding:

- o 11 12x14 foot sleepers,
- o 1-200 cubic metres (m³) commercial kitchen,
- \circ 1 200 m³ commercial washroom,
- \circ 1 200 m³ dining/rec room,
- \circ 2 600 m³ shops.
- Adding vehicles, heavy equipment, infrastructure, waste water treatment plant, incinerator, and drilling equipment.
- Upgrading the current esker airstrip to 3000' through levelling/grading and lengthening.
- Studying the hydrology and geomorphology of the proposed road corridor between Hayes Camp and the Three Bluffs exploration area to assess the best position for an allweather road.

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

http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2007/07EN021-Committee%20Bay/01-APPLICATION/2010%20Amendment/ including:

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English
- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut
- NIRB Part 2 Form PSIR
- Maps and Figures of Camp Layouts
- Non technical Project Proposal summary in English
- *INAC Applications*
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- Environmental Procedures Plan
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Equipment Specs and Camp Inventories
- Fuel Inventory

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by NCG's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested parties to comment directly to the NIRB by **January 10**, **2011**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at <u>info@nirb.ca</u> or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the NIRB's Assistant Technical Advisor, Tara Arko at 867-983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Tara Arko Assistant Technical Advisor Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Enclosures (2): Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)