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INAC File Nos.: N2009C0018, 056J12001, 056J11001

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

Dear Jo Price:

On December 15 and December 16, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was forwarded three land use applications (N2009C0018; 056J11001; 056J12001) from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) in support of North Country Gold Corp. (NCG)'s Committee Bay Project. The NIRB has previously assigned this project proposal the file number **07EN021** – please reference this number in future related correspondence.

The Committee Bay project is a gold exploration project located in the Kitikmeot region, consisting of 202 active mineral claims and 14 mineral leases along an area known as the Committee Bay Greenstone Belt. The Three Bluffs Deposit is located on crown lands near the northern border of Ukkusiksalik National Park approximately 220 kilometres (km) southwest of Kugaaruk, 235 km west of Repulse Bay and 300 km north of the Meadowbank gold mine. NCG is currently proposing to upgrade its existing exploration infrastructure in order to facilitate increased exploration activities in the project area from March 1, 2011 to October 15, 2016 (NOTE: see **Appendix A** for details on previously-screened project activities).

The proposed project activities comprising the current screening include:

- Increase in exploration activities, including additional drills, and revamping and addition of accommodation, camp buildings and services at the present Haves Camp (INAC surface lease application 056J12001):
 - Use of 7 diamond and 2 RC drills positioned on the Three Bluffs Deposit for drilling of up to 60,000 metres in 2011 and 2012
 - Airborne and ground geophysics surveys
 - Geological mapping and prospecting

- Infrastructure upgrade to accommodate up to 100 persons by adding:
 - 11 – 12x14 foot sleepers,
 - 1 – 200 cubic metres (m³) commercial kitchen,
 - 1 – 200 m³ commercial washroom,
 - 1 – 200 m³ dining/rec room,
 - 2 – 600 m³ shops.
- Adding vehicles, heavy equipment, infrastructure, waste water treatment plant, incinerator, and drilling equipment.
- Improving and increasing the length of the current Hayes Camp airstrip (amendment to INAC land use permit application N2009C0018, including new quarry permit):
 - Upgrading the current esker airstrip to 3000' through levelling/grading and lengthening,
 - Quarrying of approximately 5000 m³ of ¾ crush to top coat the airstrip.
- Building an all-weather road from Hayes Camp to the Three Bluffs Gold deposit including a 5000' airstrip (INAC application 056J11001):
 - Construction of an approximately 6-10 kilometre (km) long road connecting the Hayes Camp to the Three Bluffs Exploration Gold Deposit.
 - Temporary fuel storage for heavy equipment along the road corridor in 204 Litre drums with a maximum of 19 drums per cache and secured with berms and spill kits.
 - Installation of culverts may be required to facilitate site drainage. Location of culverts to be determined based on 2011 hydrology survey. Currently no changes in water courses are planned.
 - Construction schedule:
 - April to June 2011, and Sept 2011: equipment mobilization
 - June to Sept 2011: Study hydrology and geomorphology of the proposed road corridor to assess the best position of the all-weather road
 - Sept 2011 to Aug 2013: road construction

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

<ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/07EN021-Committee%20Bay/01-APPLICATION/2011%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*
- *All Weather Road Application 056J11001 and Non-Technical Summary*
- *Surface Lease Application 056J12001 for Hayes Camp and Airstrip*
- *Land Use Permit Amendment Application for Land Use Permit N2009C0018, including Quarry Permit Application*

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 17, 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 info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the undersigned directly at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Appendix A: Procedural History and Project Activities

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

Appendix A

Procedural History and Project Activities

Procedural History

On February 2, 2010, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an amendment to CBR Gold Corp.'s (formerly Committee Bay Resources Ltd) "Committee Bay Campsite and Mining Exploration" project. The project proposal did not require a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission as the project is located in the Kitikmeot region, an area with no currently approved land use plan.

Past File History

The original application for the project (NIRB File No.: 07EN021) was received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) on February 28, 2007. The project proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on May 11, 2007 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC allowing the proposed mining exploration and campsite activities to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions (May 11, 2007 Screening Decision Report).

On February 29, 2008 the NIRB received an application from the Nunavut Planning Commission for an amendment to the Proponent's water licence. After a thorough assessment of amendment request and the comments received, the NIRB determined that the request did not significantly change the general scope of the project and re-issued the original terms and conditions (Screening Decision dated May 11, 2007).

On January 26, 2009 the NIRB received an application from INAC for an extension to the Proponent's land use permits. After a review of the information provided, the NIRB determined that the proposed extension did not significantly change the general scope of the original project activities and re-issued the original terms and conditions.

On February 2, 2010, the NIRB received an application from INAC for an amendment to CBR Gold Corp.'s (formerly Committee Bay Resources Ltd) "Committee Bay Campsite and Mining Exploration" project. The NIRB determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project and on February 4, 2010, the NIRB distributed the project proposal to community organizations in Kugaaruk and Repulse Bay, as well as to relevant federal and territorial government agencies, and Inuit organizations.

On February 12, 2010, the NIRB provided an opportunity for the proponent to respond to some questions that were raised by the GN-DoE during the public commenting period. The Proponent provided a response to concerns on February 12, 2010. At the conclusion of NIRB Screening, on February 24, 2010 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC allowing the proposed amended activities to proceed subject to additional project-specific recommended terms and conditions (February 24, 2010 Screening Decision Report).

Previously-Screened Project Activities

The previously screened Committee Bay project involved conducting an extensive gold exploration program covering most of the Committee Bay greenstone belt. The original planned exploration was to take place from March 2007 to September 2009. The original application, screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA, included the following project components/activities:

- 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;
- Disposal of waste and wastewater;
- Preparation of landing site for helicopter; and
- Baseline environmental work at Hayes Camp.

The 2010 amendment to the Committee Bay project included the following additional components or activities, approved to occur for a period of 1 year, from March 1, 2010 to October 30, 2011:

- Increase the number of drills to be used from 3 to 6 drills
 - 6 drills to be used concurrently with 2 of the 4 camps open at any one time
- Build a temporary winter road approximately 10 kilometres long from Hayes Camp to the Three Bluffs deposit
 - Road to be used to haul water, drills and related equipment and personnel to the deposit to enable spring exploration drilling.