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November 14, 2016

To: The Honourable Joe Savikataaq

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Re: <u>Screening Decision for North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region</u>

Dear Mr. Joe Savikataaq:

On August 17, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) due to significant modification to the original project proposal. The NPC noted that the previous conformity determination issued on March 3, 2007 with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan for the activities associated with the current proposal continues to apply.

Pursuant to section 86 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the NIRB commenced screening this project proposal. Due to the proposal containing activities that were sufficiently related to previously assessed activities under NIRB file number 07EN021, the NIRB viewed this project proposal as an amendment to the previously screened project and assigned this proposal with this previous file number.

Following the assessment of all material information provided, the NIRB is recommending that a review of North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay" project is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the NuPPAA.

Pursuant to its discretion under paragraph 92(2)(a) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB has determined that specific terms and conditions are appropriate for this project.

Accordingly, the NIRB is issuing the attached Screening Decision Report dated November 14, 2016 to the responsible Minister(s). The Screening Decision Report provides, among other things, the regulatory framework, project overview and the NIRB assessment process, factors

relevant for the determining significance of impacts and recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

Please note that the project proposal will not be enclosed due to the size of the electronic document and the limited bandwidth. However, an electronic copy of the project proposal is accessible online from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

Project Name: Committee BayNIRB File No.: 07EN021Application No.: 124698

We look forward to receiving a response from the responsible Minister. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Director, Technical Services, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Copland, Chairperson Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure: Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 07EN021 (November 14, 2016)