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Jo Price
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Sent via email: jop@northcountrygold.com

Re: Application Pending NPC Conformity Determination for North Country Gold Corp.'s "Committee Bay Project – Three Bluffs Deposit" Project Proposal

Dear Jo Price:

On February 3, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received North Country Gold Corp.'s (NCG) renewal Land Use Permit application for its "Bullion Camp" project from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). On February 5, 2013 the NIRB received NCG's renewal Land Use Permit application for its "Hayes Camp" project from AANDC. Both projects are part of the overall "Committee Bay Project – Three Bluffs Deposit" project proposal. The submissions included the following documents:

- *AANDC Land Use Permit Application for Bullion Camp (original file no. N2009C0019, new file no. N2014C0002); and*
- *AANDC Land Use Permit Application for Bullion Camp (original file no. N2009C0019, new file no. N2014C0002).*
- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English and Inuktitut*
- *NCG Corporate and Social Responsibility Action Plan*
- *NCG Archaeology and Palaeontology Plan*
- *Abandonment and Reclamation Plans*
- *Waste Management Plans*
- *Spill Prevention and Response Plan*

Your project appears to be located in an area which requires conformity to the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan, pursuant to Article 11 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Please be advised that Proponents are required to submit their project proposals directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for a conformity determination. For further information, please contact NPC's Director Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at (867) 857-2242 or via email at aglukark@nunavut.ca.

Once a positive conformity determination is made, the NPC will forward its determination and any associated recommendations to the NIRB for screening, if required.

The NIRB conducts screening (environmental impact assessment) of project proposals upon referral from Government departments/agencies and Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Please be advised that it is the Proponent's responsibility to apply for all authorizations and approvals required to carry out the proposed project works or activities.

Further, upon receipt of the required conformity determination, the NIRB will be undertaking a preliminary completeness check of your application. In order to ensure your application contains the minimum information required for the NIRB's screening, it is recommended that you submit the following, noting that the NIRB may request additional information at any point during the screening process:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun (blank form attached);*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal summary in Inuinnaqtun; and*
- *NIRB Project Specific Information Requirements (blank form attached).*

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact an environmental administrator at the NIRB at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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cc: Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission
Nicholas Kavanagh, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Karen McIntyre, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association

Attachments: NIRB Part 1 form (*English, Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun*)
NIRB Part 2 PSIR form