



NIRB File No.: 07EN021

AANDC File Nos.: N2014C0002 & N2014C0004

Previous AANDC File Nos.: N2009C0019 & N2009C0018

KIA File Nos.: KTL306C031, KTL305C004

NWB File No.: 2BE-CRA1015

March 14, 2014

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
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Sent via email: minster@aandc.gc.ca and bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

**Re: Extension Request for the NIRB Screening of North Country Gold Corp.'s
"Committee Bay Project – Three Bluffs Deposit" Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Valcourt:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (AANDC File Nos.: N2014C0002, N2014C0004).

On February 3, 2014 the NIRB received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to renew the Land Use Permit (original No. N2009C0019, *new No. N2014C0002*) associated with North Country Gold Corp.'s (NCG) "Bullion Camp" project. On February 5, 2013 the NIRB received a second application from AANDC to renew the Land Use Permit (original No. N2009C0018, *new No. N2014C0004*) associated with NCG's "Hayes Camp" project. Both exploration projects are part of the overall "Committee Bay Project – Three Bluffs Deposit" project proposal and was previously screened under NIRB File No. 07EN021. On February 10, 2014 the NIRB issued correspondence to NCG and copied AANDC indicating that a portion of the project proposal appeared to be located in an area which required a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan).

The NIRB is currently awaiting the results of the Nunavut Planning Commission's conformity review for this file prior to commencing Screening pursuant to NLCA Section 12.3.1. Upon receipt of a positive conformity determination, the NIRB will continue its assessment of the Land Use Permit renewal applications pursuant to Article 12 of the NLCA.

Owing to the requirement for a conformity determination prior to commencing with its assessment, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for NCG's "Committee Bay Project – Three Bluffs Deposit" project proposal within the 37 and 38 day time periods as

requested by AANDC and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed within 45 days' of receiving the Nunavut Planning Commission's conformity determination.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ryan Barry", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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