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Sent via Email: susan.odonnell@dmngeosciences.ca

Re: Response to Canada Coal's Request to Extend Public Commenting Period for the NIRB's Screening of the "Fosheim Peninsula – Coal Exploration" project proposal

Dear Susan O'Donnell:

The NIRB acknowledges receipt of Mr. Bruce Rawson's email on May 29, 2013 requesting an additional 60 day extension to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) commenting period for Canada Coal Inc.'s (Canada Coal) "Fosheim Peninsula-Coal Exploration" project proposal (NIRB File No.: 13EN001). Mr. Rawson indicated that this extension was being sought in order to allow Canada Coal sufficient time to coordinate an appropriate meeting time for the community, the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) and Canada Coal Inc. (Canada Coal).


As you are aware, on January 7, 2013 the NIRB received Canada Coal's Fosheim Peninsula Coal Exploration proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and further, received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. Following receipt of the initial application materials, the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On January 18, 2013 the NIRB requested that additional information from the Proponent be provided to the Board by February 1, 2013. On April 3, 2013 and April 11, 2013 the NIRB received the required information as requested in support of this project proposal and, on April 19, 2013, distributed the project information to a regional project contact list requesting that interested parties provide comments regarding the proposal by May 9, 2013.

On May 1, 2013 the NIRB received correspondence from the QIA requesting that the Board extend the public commenting period until May 31, 2013 to allow the QIA an opportunity to consult with the Hamlet of Grise Fiord regarding this project proposal. The Board found this request to be reasonable and extended the public commenting period as requested, until May 31, 2013.

With respect to Canada Coal's current request to extend the public commenting period for an additional 60 days, at this point the NIRB has determined that the most appropriate way to facilitate the Proponent's request is to close the public commenting period as planned on May 31, 2013. Recognizing Canada Coal's intention to undertake additional consultation to inform the project proposal, the NIRB will extend its screening period for the proposal by an additional 60 days to allow an opportunity for the Proponent to submit a response to comments and concerns received prior to rendering its screening determination. In addition, given Canada Coal's intention to conduct community level consultation, it may wish to consider involving the QIA and AANDC in these plans as they progress, as both agencies may have an interest in attending or participating.

If you have any questions or require additional information with respect to the Board's assessment, please contact Catherine Braun Rodriguez, Technical Advisor at 867-983-4607 or crodriguez@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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