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Re: **Request to Extend the Deadline to Address Comments Received Regarding
Canada Coal Inc.'s 'Fosheim Peninsula- Coal Exploration Project' Proposal**

Dear Catherine,

Thank-you for the opportunity to address feedback received through the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB) public commentary process in regards to Canada Coal Inc.'s (Canada Coal or the Company) 'Fosheim Peninsula – Coal Exploration Project' proposal. Canada Coal looks forward to responding to all submissions, re-submitting a modified project application package, and respectfully requests a 90-day extension to the current August 13, 2013 resubmission deadline.

Background

On May 29, 2013, Canada Coal requested an extension to the public commenting period for an additional 60 days to allow sufficient time to coordinate a community consultation session with the Company, the Hamlet of Grise Fiord, and interested Authorizing Agencies.

The NIRB determined that the most appropriate way to facilitate Canada Coal's request was to close the public commenting period as planned on May 31, 2013 and extend the screening period for the proposal by an additional 60 days (August 13, 2013 deadline) to allow an opportunity for the Company to conduct additional consultation and submit a response to comments and concerns received prior to the Board rendering its screening determination.

On July 10, 2013, Canada Coal conducted a community consultation session at the Hamlet of Grise Fiord. Approximately 15-20 community members were in attendance along with representation from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA). A follow-up meeting was held at the Mayor's office July 11, 2013.

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During both abovementioned meetings, it was noted that several of the community members were unavailable over the summer months due to seasonal hunting practices and were therefore not in attendance. Furthermore, the community was very interested in the knowledge to be gleaned from an upcoming caribou meeting to be held in Iqaluit (July 22-25, 2013), particularly in relation to caribou protection measures and how they might relate to exploration activities.

Reasons for an Additional 90-Day Extension Request

Canada Coal Inc requests an extension of the current August 13th, 2013 NIRB re-submission deadline for the following reasons:

1. Canada Coal has been invited to return to Grise Fiord for further community consultation once summer hunting has concluded and more representatives from the Grise Fiord Hunters and Trapper's Organization are available. Tentative timelines suggested by the community for further consultation are late-September through October, 2013.
2. Canada Coal would like to develop a wildlife management plan in conjunction with local knowledge from Grise Fiord and other Authorizing Agencies. A key aspect of the wildlife management plan will involve Peary Caribou protection measures. The Mayor of Grise Fiord indicated in the July 11, 2013 meeting that she would like to learn more about caribou through the South Baffin Caribou meetings held in Iqaluit prior to discussing possible caribou (and other wildlife) management strategies with Canada Coal.
3. Additional project work to strengthen and develop management plans is ongoing based on the results of the NIRB public consultation responses and recent community consultation meetings. The project re-submission will include various management plans which require further time to develop including: water management, wildlife management, heritage resources management, incineration management, quarry operations management, and so forth.
4. Canada Coal acknowledges that cooperation with Grise Fiord is critical to the overall success of the project and requires further time to discuss concerns with the community and devise appropriate action plans. The Company intends to hold additional meetings in Grise Fiord during October 2013.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at susan.odonnell@dmngeosciences.ca or at 1-403-781-2157.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

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Sincerely,

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