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Sent via email: Susan.Odonnell@dmngeosciences.ca

Re: NIRB Screening File Closed for Canada Coal Inc.'s "Fosheim Peninsula – Coal Exploration Project" Proposal

Dear Susan O'Donnell:

On January 7, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Canada Coal Inc.'s (Canada Coal or the Proponent) "Fosheim Peninsula – Coal Exploration Project" proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), in addition to a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this proposal. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13EN001 and commenced screening of the project pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

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 the Proponent provide additional information to the Board by February 1, 2013. The NIRB received the requested information on April 3, 2013.

Following receipt of the requested information from the Proponent on April 3, 2013 the NIRB commenced its assessment of the project as per Article 12, Part 4 of the NLCA. On April 19, 2013 the NIRB requested that interested parties review the project proposal and provide any comments or concerns to our office by May 9, 2013. The NIRB received and subsequently granted a request from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) on May 1, 2013 to extend the public commenting period to May 31, 2013 to allow the QIA an opportunity to consult with the Hamlet of Grise Fiord regarding this project proposal.

On May 29, 2013 the NIRB received a request from the Proponent to extend the public commenting period for an additional 60 days to allow Canada Coal sufficient time to coordinate an appropriate meeting between the community of Grise Fiord, the QIA and Canada Coal. The NIRB determined that the most appropriate way to facilitate the Proponent's request was to close the public commenting period as planned on May 31, 2013 and to provide an additional 60 days for Canada Coal to undertake additional consultation with Grise Fiord and to submit a response to comments and concerns received prior to the NIRB rendering its screening determination.

On or before May 31, 2013, the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

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| ▪ <i>Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC)</i> | ▪ <i>University of Saskatchewan</i> |
| ▪ <i>Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA)</i> | ▪ <i>University of Ottawa</i> |
| ▪ <i>Government of Nunavut (GN)</i> | ▪ <i>Carleton University</i> |
| ▪ <i>Environment Canada (EC)</i> | ▪ <i>University of Colorado</i> |
| ▪ <i>Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)</i> | ▪ <i>University of Montana</i> |
| ▪ <i>Parks Canada (PC)</i> | ▪ <i>University of Wyoming</i> |
| ▪ <i>Carnegie Museum</i> | ▪ <i>World Wildlife Fund</i> |
| ▪ <i>Canadian Museum of Nature-Graham, Gillespie, Hamilton, and Rybczynski</i> | ▪ <i>Eastern Ontario Natural- History Society (EONS)</i> |
| | ▪ <i>Society of Vertebrate Paleontology</i> |
| | ▪ <i>Peter Croal - Environmental Consultant</i> |

On June 13, 2013 the NIRB requested that Canada Coal provide a response to comments submitted by interested parties on or before August 13, 2013.

On August 12, 2013 the NIRB received a request from Canada Coal to extend the deadline for its response to public comments by an additional 90 days in order to enable Canada Coal to conduct further consultation with the community of Grise Fiord and other interested parties. The NIRB granted this extension to Canada Coal and anticipated receiving the Proponent's response to public comments by November 12, 2013.

On November 8, 2013 Canada Coal submitted a request to again extend the deadline for its response to public comments to the NIRB for an additional 30 days, noting that this would allow it to undertake additional consultation with community members and other interested parties in Grise Fiord. The NIRB found the request to be reasonable and granted the extension to Canada Coal as requested.

In correspondence dated December 12, 2013, Canada Coal requested that the project proposal be withdrawn from the NIRB's screening process to allow for its continued consultation with relevant parties and to ensure comments received for this proposal can be addressed prior to submitting a new project proposal.

Please be advised that the Board is hereby closing its screening file for this project proposal. If Canada Coal re-submits the project proposal at a later date for screening, the NIRB will initiate a new screening for the proposal.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at (867) 983-4607 or cbraunrodriguez@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: Canada Coal Request to withdraw from Screening process (*December 12, 2013*)