

expertise to offer regarding the assessment and management of caribou and caribou calving grounds in the Project area.

As we move forward in the Part 5 Review of the Garry Lake project, it is the Board's request that the Proponent reconsider its initial indication that it would not participate in this public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop. The NIRB is endeavoring to adhere to an expeditious review timeline and is confident that, with adequate cooperation by all parties, it could issue finalized EIS guidelines by mid-December, 2008. Following NIRB's acceptance of the Proponent's EIS submission, and assuming it is in conformity to the issued guidelines, the Board believes a Final Hearing could be scheduled approximately 90 days later, waiving the requirement of Technical Meetings and a Pre-Hearing Conference.

I respectfully request that you submit to the NIRB, in writing, notice as to whether or not you intend on having representation in attendance at the workshop. This indication should be submitted to the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Ryan Barry, at rbarry@nirb.ca as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Autut". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director, NIRB

Cc: Honourable Chuck Strahl (strahl.c@parl.gc.ca)
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