



All parties are asked to ensure that their comments reference the page, section, paragraph and item numbers of the Draft EIS Guidelines where relevant. All Parties requiring a hardcopy of the Proponent's future EIS submission are also asked to forward their mailing address and number of required copies to the NIRB with their comment submission. Please note that a Glossary has not been included in the current draft Guidelines, but will be included in the finalized document.

Pursuant to Section 12.5.4 of the NLCA, upon referral of the Project to NIRB for review, the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has asked that *"the Board structure the review in a manner that will facilitate a thorough, yet expeditious review of the project"*. To this end, upon receipt of comments from parties on December 12, 2008 the NIRB will endeavor to consider the comments it receives from Parties, finalize the document, and issue the EIS Guidelines to the Proponent as efficiently as possible.

Please forward your comment submissions to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette, no later than **12 pm MST, Friday, December 12, 2008**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at [rbarry@nirb.ca](mailto:rbarry@nirb.ca) or (867) 983-4608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry  
Technical Advisor, NIRB

Attach: 081120-08EN037-Draft EIS Guidelines