



**NIRB File No.: 08EA084**  
INAC File No. N2006C0008  
KIA File No. KTL304C018  
NWB File No. NWB2GOO0510

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Honourable Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Gatineau, QC

Via email: [strahl.c@parl.gc.ca](mailto:strahl.c@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Extension request for NIRB screening of Dundee Precious Metals Inc.'s "Beechey Lake Area Mineral Exploration" project proposal**

Dear Honourable Minister:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC File No. N2006C0008).

On December 9, 2008 the NIRB received Dundee Precious Metals Inc.'s (Dundee) "*Beechey Lake Area Mineral Exploration*" project proposal from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 08EA084 and commenced screening as per Part 4 of Article 12 of the NLCA. After undertaking a preliminary completeness check, the Board determined that Dundee's project proposal did not contain sufficient information for NIRB to conduct an environmental screening.

On December 17, 2008 the NIRB sent formal correspondence to Dundee, requesting submission of the required information by January 6, 2009. In email correspondence to NIRB dated January 5, 2009, Dundee requested an extension to the deadline for providing the requested information, to January 21, 2009. The NIRB deemed this request reasonable and subsequently granted the extension.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period (or 42 days for INAC applications) as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by **February 28, 2009**.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested Parties of the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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