



NIRB File No.: 10EN022
INAC File No.: N2010C0008

April 22, 2010

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

Via email: strahl.c@parl.gc.ca



Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Aura Silver Resources Inc.'s "Drilling Exploration" project proposal

Dear Honourable Chuck Strahl:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC File No.: N2010C0008).

On March 16, 2010 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Aura Silver Resources Inc.'s "Drilling Exploration" project proposal. On March 22, 2010 the NIRB received a referral for screening from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for this file. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 10EN022 and commenced Screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12, Part 4.

Additional time is requested for Screening purposes as the NIRB was required to solicit additional information from the Proponent for this project proposal. The NIRB is therefore not able to provide a screening decision within the 42 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and respectfully requests additional time to screen this project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by **May 7, 2010**.

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

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

Sincerely,



Stephanie Autut,
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Paul Pitman, Aura Silver Resources Inc.
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