

NIRB File No.: 11EN001 INAC File No.: N2011C0003

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Gordon Clarke Vice-President, Exploration North Arrow Minerals Inc. Suite 860 – 625 Howe Street Vancouver, BC, V6C 2T6

Via email: gord@northarrowminerals.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s "Hope Bay" Project Proposal

Dear Gordon Clarke:

On January 19, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s "Hope Bay" project proposal directly from the proponent. On January 27, 2011 this project proposal was referred to the NIRB for screening by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC File No.: N2011C0003). Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB found that this project proposal did not contain sufficient information to permit proper screening; therefore, on January 31, 2011 the NIRB requested submission of additional project-specific information. On February 7, 2011 the NIRB received the requested information and resumed screening the project proposal. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11EN001 - please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

The proposed project is located in the Kitikmeot region approximately 120 kilometres west-southwest of the community of Cambridge Bay, and approximately adjacent to mineral leases for the Doris North Mine project currently held by Hope Bay Mining Limited. The program is proposed to take place from June 2011 to September 2011 and continue to 2012.

The proposed project activities would include:

- Mineral exploration for precious metals (gold and silver);
- Prospecting, geological mapping, sampling, ground geophysics and exploration drilling;
- Helicopter and/or float plane assisted drill program, including daily transportation of field crew to drill sites and demobilization;
- Temporary tent camp facilities for twenty (20) people near Roberts Lake;
- Fuel caching near potential drill sites and camp;
- Temporary storage of chemicals and hazardous materials on site;
- Water use for drilling purposes and camp activities;
- Sewage, greywater and waste production related to camp operations;

- Incineration of combustible waste; and
- Removal of non-combustible and hazardous waste to an approved disposal facility.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal (NIRB File No. 11EN001) can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at

http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/11EN001-North%20Arrow%20-%20Hope%20Bay/ including:

- *INAC Land Use Permit Application in English*
- Non-technical Project Proposal summaries (English, Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut)
- NIRB Part 2 Project Specific Information Requirements Form
- Maps
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Material Safety Data Sheets
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan

Pursuant to Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. The NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. The NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

Be advised that the NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by your project proposal. Interested parties are encouraged to comment directly to the NIRB by **March 3, 2011**.

The NIRB would like parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me directly at (867) 983-4609 or kboa-antwi@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

Sign 1

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Enclosed: Comment Forms (English, Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut)