

NIRB File No.: 11EN047 AANDC File No.: N2011C0026

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The Honourable John Duncan Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada Executive Offices 10 Wellington St. Gatineau, OC K1A 0H4

Via email: Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca and Minister@aadc.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Elgin Mining Incorporated's "Lupin Exploration" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. John Duncan:

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 (N2011C0026).

On September 9, 2011 the NIRB received Elgin Mining Incorporated's (the Proponent) project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The project is proposed in an area without an approved land use plan in place; therefore a conformity determination was not required from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 11EN047 and commenced screening pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB found that the project proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information to permit proper screening and on September 19, 2011 requested that the Proponent submit additional information by September 30, 2011. On October 7, 2011 the Proponent submitted a portion of the information requested, indicating that a second submission would follow. As of the date of this correspondence, the NIRB had not yet received the outstanding information.

Due to delays in receiving the information required to permit proper screening, NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 42 day time period as requested by AANDC 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 November 14, 2011.

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,

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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