



**NOTICE OF INDICATION
NIRB FILE NO.: 12EN018**

KIA File No.: KVL312C02
NWB File No.: 2BE-MVP

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and

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**Re: Notice of Indication for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Melville Peninsula"
Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region, NIRB File 12EN018**

Dear Jeff Mercer, Luis Manzo, and Bernie MacIsaac:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development, Mr. David Ningeongan, President of the Kivalliq Inuit Association, Ms. Okalik Egeesiak, President of the

Qikiqtani Inuit Association (AAND, KivIA, QIA) for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Melville Peninsula" in the Kivalliq Region.

The NIRB has assessed this project proposal for ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts taking into consideration the comments from relevant authorities and communities. Based on this assessment NIRB's indication to the Minister is in accordance with **12.4.4 (a)** which states the following:

"The proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5."

The enclosed NIRB Screening Decision for NIRB File No. 12EN018, signed on May 16, 2012 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, NU has been issued to AANDC, the KivIA, and the QIA and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of (AANDC, the KivIA, and the QIA)'s authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AANDC, KivIA, and the QIA send a hardcopy of the authorization with NIRB's file number referenced on the document to the NIRB office to complete our files. In addition, the NIRB requests that copies of any subsequent inspection reports related to the subject project proposal be sent to the NIRB office.

Please contact Derek Ehloak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4610 or info@nirb.ca if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Derek Ehloak
Environmental Administrator

cc: Jason Richard, Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.
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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 12EN018)