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KIA File No: KVL311C02

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Via email: [Everett.Makela@vale.com](mailto:Everett.Makela@vale.com)

**Re: Application Acknowledgement and Additional Information Required for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Southampton Island Nickel Exploration" Project Proposal**

Dear Everett Makela:

On July 5, 2011, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s (Vale; the Proponent) "Southampton Island Nickel Exploration" project proposal (the Project) from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), and on the same day issued a letter indicating that a determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC), as well as additional project-specific information, would be required to permit the NIRB to screen the Project. On July 13, 2011 the NPC issued a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) for this file. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11EN040 – please reference this file number in related future correspondence.

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal include:

- *KivIA Land Use License III Application*
- *INAC Class B Application*
- *Letter from the Proponent Requesting a NIRB Exemption*
- *Letter of Permission Authorizing an Agent to act on the Proponent's Behalf*
- *Maps*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in English*
- *Non-technical Project Proposal Summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination and Questionnaire*

The NIRB has undertaken a preliminary completeness check and finds that your project proposal does ***not*** contain sufficient information for the NIRB to conduct proper screening. Specifically, the NIRB is again requesting submission of the following information by **August 26, 2011**.

▪ *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*

This additional information was originally requested by the NIRB on July 5, 2011 for submission by July 19, 2011, and the deadline for submission was subsequently extended, at the Proponent's request, to August 17, 2011. Prior to rendering its decision on this file, the NIRB respectfully requests that Vale provide the requested information on or before **August 26, 2011**. Failure to provide the requested information may result in Vale's project proposal being returned for clarification pursuant to Section 12.4.4(c) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. If the Proponent requires additional time to provide the requested information, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB with a proposed alternate timing.

Please forward all forthcoming submissions to the NIRB at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

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

Sincerely,



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Enclosures: NIRB Part 1 form in English