



**NOTICE OF INDICATION  
NIRB FILE NO.: 11EN040**

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**Re: Notice of Indication for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Southampton Island Nickel Exploration" Project Proposal, 11EN040**

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Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Southampton Island Nickel Exploration" project proposal 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. 11EN040 signed on September 9, 2011 by Lucassie Arragutainaq at Sanikiluaq, NU has been issued to AAND and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of AAND's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AAND 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 the undersigned at 867 983 4603 or [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'T Bolt', is positioned above the printed name.

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cc: Everett Makela, Vale Exploration Canada Inc  
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report (NIRB File No.: 11EN040)