



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

AANDC File No.: N2011C0023  
NWB File No.: 2BE-SIP1114  
KivIA File No.: KVL311C02

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**Re: Notice of Indication for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Southampton Island  
Nickel Exploration" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region, NIRB File No. 11EN040**

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Dear Sir and Madam:

Enclosed is the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report to the Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development (AAND) and Mr. Thomas Kabloona, Chairperson for Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for Vale Exploration Canada Ltd.'s "Southampton Island Nickel Exploration" 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 May 17, 2012 by Elizabeth Copland at Arviat, Nunavut has been issued to AANDC and NWB and is subject to the terms and conditions contained herein being imposed upon the Proponent.

The NIRB is aware of AANDC and NWB's authority to regulate the terms and conditions attached to the enclosed Screening Decision Report, and requests that AANDC and NWB 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 Ehaloak, NIRB Environmental Administrator at 867-983-4610 or [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca) if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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