



NIRB File No.: 08EN034  
INAC File No.: N2008C0015

June 14, 2010

Honourable Minister Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
c/o Spencer Dewar  
Manager Land Administration  
Iqaluit, NU

Via email: [spencer.dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca](mailto:spencer.dewar@inac-ainc.gc.ca)

**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: extension to INAC Land Use Permit for Savant Explorations Ltd.'s "Retort Lake – Yava Property Mining Exploration" project**

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On June 10, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2008C0015 for Savant Explorations Ltd.'s (Savant) "Retort Lake – Yava Property Mining Exploration" project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 08EN034) was received by the NIRB from INAC on March 28, 2008 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On May 28, 2008 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current INAC application, as well as the original NIRB screening file and Screening Decision, 008EN034 are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: [http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2008\\_SCREENINGS/08EN034-Savant%20Explorations%20Ltd/1-SCREENING/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2008_SCREENINGS/08EN034-Savant%20Explorations%20Ltd/1-SCREENING/)

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

*"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

*(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*

*(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

After completing a review of the information provided, the NIRB is of the understanding that the application received from INAC does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original May 28, 2008 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-7337 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Stephanie Autut".

Stephanie Autut  
Executive Director

cc: Richard Cote, VP Exploration, Savant at [info@savantexplorations.com](mailto:info@savantexplorations.com)

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 08EN034 (May 28, 2008)