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**Re: Updated Description of Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project**

Ms. Hanson,

As a follow up of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) letter of February 11<sup>th</sup> 2013, the Proponent of the Bathurst Inlet Port and Road (BIPR) Project, Xstrata Zinc Canada (Xstrata) and Sabina Gold and Silver Corp. (Sabina), has prepared an updated description of the BIPR Project.

In its February letter, the NIRB concluded that the changes proposed by Xstrata and Sabina in the amendment to the BIPR Project in their December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 letter, do not significantly change the original scope of the BIPR Project. The NIRB did however recognize that the context of the Project has changed in some aspects and therefore requested that the Proponent submits an updated Project Description, which would provide greater details than in the Proponent's December correspondence.

More specifically, the Proponent was asked to provide an update of the BIPR Project components and associated activities, through all phases of the proposed development including construction, operations, closure and reclamation.

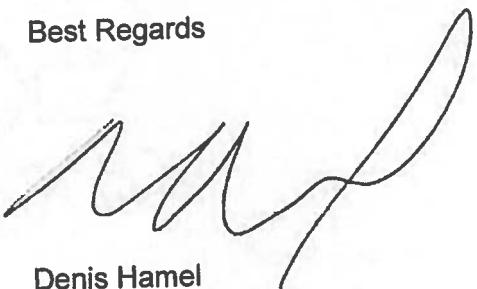
The NIRB also requested that the Proponent's updated Project Description address the following:

- Clear delineation of the temporal considerations that are to be applied to the two-phased development strategy;
- Clarify the shipping season, routing, frequency and intensity of vessels to be considered within the current scope of the BIPR project; and
- Clarify timing, frequency, and operational plans for the ground (road) transportation as presented within the current scope of the BIPR project.

It is important to clarify that the attached submission of the updated Project Description does not constitute a Project Proposal, as described in Guide 2 of the NIRB Review Process. Since the NIRB confirmed that the scope of the BIPR Project has not changed significantly, only a detailed description of the Project was requested from the NIRB.

As mentioned in our previous correspondence, although Sabina remains part of the BIPR Project, Xstrata will be the main point of contact for the BIPR Project. Please contact Denis Hamel (514-745-9349) or Robert Prairie (514-745-9357) if you have any questions regarding this updated Project Description.

Best Regards



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