



**NIRB File No.: 03UN114**

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**Re: Request update on BIPR project**

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Dear Matthew Pickard and Michael Boucher:

On March 30, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received joint correspondence from Sabina and Xstrata Zinc Canada [Xstrata, now Glencore Zinc Canada (Glencore); the Proponents] on their proposed re-engagement of the “Bathurst Inlet Port and Road” (BIPR or the Project) project (NIRB File No. 03UN114) which included a proposed re-engagement of the NIRB’s review of the BIPR project. On May 8, 2013 the NIRB issued an Addendum to the Guidelines<sup>1</sup> based on the updated project description and feedback provided by interested parties and authorizing agencies. Currently the NIRB is expecting to receive an updated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the BIPR project.

The last correspondence received by the NIRB on February 16, 2015 indicated that an update would be provided at the end of 2015. To assist with planning for 2016-2017 budget period, the Board requests that Sabina and Glencore provide an update on intentions to prepare and submit an updated EIS in order to continue the NIRB’s Review process for the BIPR Project. The NIRB respectfully requests that this written indication is submitted by **December 23, 2015**.

Please submit any forthcoming correspondence to [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca), or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any additional questions on the process moving forward, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

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<sup>1</sup> Addendum to the Guidelines for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for Xstrata Zinc Canada and Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.’s Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project (NIRB File No. 03UN114), May 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tara Arko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Tara" on the top line and "Arko" on the bottom line.

Tara Arko  
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Brad Ryder, Glencore Zinc Canada  
BIPR Distribution List