

March 27, 2003

Hon. Robert Nault  
Minister Responsible for Indian and Northern Affairs  
Ottawa, ON

Dear Mr. Minister:

**RE: Land Use & Quarry Permit Application (defense Construction Canada)**  
**NIRB: 03DN052 DIAND: N2003X0013**

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Pursuant to s. 12.4.5 (b) of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests that it be allowed more time to screen the project

NIRB has conducted a pre-screening assessment of the project proposal and requires further time to assess the documentation provided in order to make a determination of the environmental and socio-economic impacts of the proposed project.

The responsibility, to inform the proponent and all stakeholders and interested parties, lies with the authorizing or permitting agency.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact our office at (867) 983-2593.

Sincerely,

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