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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.'s "Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Valcourt:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (AANDC File No. N2013J0013).

On May 27, 2013 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.'s "Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary" project proposal. On May 28, 2013 the NIRB received a referral from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to screen a Land Use Permit (No. N2013J0013) application for activities in support of the above noted project proposal.

Upon receipt of the positive conformity determination and screening referral it was noted that each referenced a different Land Use Permit number; therefore on May 28, 2013 the NIRB requested clarification from NPC and AANDC. On June 12, 2013 the NIRB received confirmation from AANDC providing the correct Land Use Permit number to be referenced for screening purposes. Following an internal review of the information provided, the NIRB determined that additional information was required in order to proceed with its assessment and on July 2, 2013 requested that the Proponent provide the Board additional information prior to July 16, 2013.


Due to the inconsistencies within application materials received and the subsequent request for additional information to support the assessment of this proposal, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.'s "Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary" project proposal within the 42 day time period per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the

project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed within 42 days upon receipt of the additional information requested from the Proponent.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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