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Mr. Ryan Barry
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Dear Mr. Barry:

This is in response to your letter of July 4, 2013, addressed to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board on the Canadian Arctic Holidays Ltd.'s land use application with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for its "Tourism & Wildlife Observation at Somerset Island and Prince Leopold Island Bird Sanctuary" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut (NIRB 09AN034, AANDC N2013J0013). In your letter, you request additional time to screen the project.

Under Article 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the period of time required for the screening of a project proposal by the Nunavut Impact Review Board may exceed 45 days with the approval of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. I recognize that this project proposal involves unique considerations making screening within 45 days impossible for the Nunavut Impact Review Board. On the Minister's behalf, I am granting the Nunavut Impact Review Board permission to exercise this provision of the Land Claim and exceed the 45-day limit for the screening of this project. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jeff Mercer, Manager, Land Administration, Nunavut Region, at 867-975-4280.

Sincerely,



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