



**NIRB File No.: 09YN022**

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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Rescan Environmental Services Ltd.'s Amendment Request with the Nunavut Research Institute for the "2012 Hope Bay Belt Environmental Baseline Program" Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Dan Shewchuk:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NIRB File No. 09YN022).

On November 22, 2011, the NIRB received Rescan Environmental Services Ltd.'s (Rescan; the Proponent) "2012 Hope Bay Belt Environmental Baseline Program" project proposal (the Project) from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI). On December 1, 2011, the NIRB requested that interested parties provide comments regarding the Project on or before December 12, 2011, later extended to December 16, 2011 at the request of the Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization.

Owing to the availability of board and staff members during the holiday season, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period as 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 would be completed by January 13, 2012.

If this request is approved, the 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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