



NIRB File No.: 12XN020
AANDC File No.: N2012N0012
NWB File No.: 3BC-EUR1116

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The Honourable John Duncan
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Sent via Email: Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca and minister@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Environment Canada's "Eureka Weather Station Facility" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Duncan:

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.: N2012N0012; NWB File No. 3BC-EUR1116).

On April 5, 2012 the NIRB received an application for a Crown Land Use Permit associated with the "Eureka Weather Station Facility" project proposal from Environment Canada (EC or Proponent). On April 19, 2012 the NIRB received a referral from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada which requested that the NIRB screen the project proposal and advise of its determination prior to May 28, 2012. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 12XN020 and commenced Screening pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA.

In screening this file, the NIRB requires additional time to review the application in order to properly assess the potential ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the project proposal.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the time period as requested by AANDC 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 by May 31, 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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Nunavut Impact Review Board

On behalf of:

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