



NIRB File No.: 13EN027
AANDC File No: N2013C0012

July 22, 2013

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of URU Metals Ltd.'s "Nueltin Lake Project" 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: N2013C0012).

On June 11, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received URU Minerals Ltd.'s "Nueltin Lake Project" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) as well as a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13EN027 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following receipt of the initial application materials, the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On June 20, 2013 the NIRB requested that additional information from the Proponent be provided to the Board by July 3, 2013, receiving the requested information on July 4, 2013. On July 8, 2013 the NIRB distributed a public notice of the screening for this project proposal, requesting that interested parties provide input on the proposal on or before July 29, 2013.

Owing to the additional time required to solicit information from the Proponent required to support this assessment, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for URU Minerals Ltd.'s "Nueltin Lake Project" project proposal within the 42 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 will be completed by August 9, 2013.

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 require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
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