



NIRB File No.: 17UN025
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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca; carloyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Transport Canada’s “Former Iqaluit Metal Dump Remediation” Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On February 20, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Transport Canada’s “Former Iqaluit Metal Dump Remediation” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of the Board’s written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17UN025.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening; therefore, on February 27, 2017 the Board requested that the Proponent provide additional information. On March 15, 2017 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On March 21, 2017 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties, requesting comments be submitted for the Board’s consideration by April 11, 2017. Due to concerns raised during the public comment period, on April 13, 2017 the NIRB provided the Proponent an opportunity to respond to the comments that had been received; a response from the Proponent is expected to be submitted by April 27, 2017. As a result of the additional time required to allow the Proponent to respond to the concerns and comments received, the Board requires additional time to fully consider the project proposal and to complete the screening.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB’s screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB’s online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Former Iqaluit Metal Dump Remediation

- NIRB File No.: 17UN025
- Application No.: 125089

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **May 11, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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