



NIRB File No.: 17XN070

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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C.
Minister of Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca and Carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Qulliq Energy Corporation's "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On December 11, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Qulliq Energy Corporation's (QEC) "Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Upgrade" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17XN070.**

On December 11, 2017 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted on January 29, 2018 the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On January 30, 2018 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On January 31, 2018 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by February 21, 2018. On February 23, 2018 the NIRB provided the Proponent until March 9, 2018 to respond to comments received. As a result of the additional time provided to the Proponent to respond to parties' comments, the Board requires additional time to complete its assessment.

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: Iqaluit Power Plant Bulk Fuel Storage Farm Upgrade
- NIRB File No.: 17XN070

- Application No.: 125250

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 **March 30, 2018** at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the Minister 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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