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Mr. Ryan Barry  
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Dear Mr. Barry:

This is in response to your letter of June 8, 2018, addressed to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, requesting additional time for the Nunavut Impact Review Board to complete the screening decision with respect to Baffinland's "Ege Bay Exploration Program" Project Proposal, Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut (NIRB 18EN026, NPC 148801).

On the Minister's behalf, I am granting the Nunavut Impact Review Board permission to exercise this provision of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* and exceed the 45-day limit for the screening of this project. Under section 92(4) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, the period of time required for the screening of a project proposal by the Nunavut Impact Review Board may exceed 45 days with the approval of the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs. I recognize that this project proposal involves unique considerations making screening within 45 days impossible for the Nunavut Impact Review Board. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Tracey McCaie, Manager, Land Administration, Land Administration, Nunavut Region, at (867)975-4280.

Respectfully,

FOR  
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