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Dear Albert Ehaloak and Ryan VanEngen:

I appreciate the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (the Board) correspondence received on July 23, 2025, addressed to the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs (the Minister), regarding the Screening Decision Report (the Report) for Canadian North Resources Inc. (the Proponent)'s Ferguson Lake, Nunavut Environmental Baseline Studies project proposal (the Project). I am responding on the Minister's behalf.

Following its assessment, the Board recommended that a review of the Project is not required, subject to the implementation of Project-specific terms and conditions.

As no other responsible Ministers have been identified, per paragraph 73(1)(b) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (the Act), the Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs has jurisdictional responsibility for issuing the Screening decision. It has been determined that more time is needed to exercise powers and perform duties and functions in respect of the Report, pursuant to subsection 93(2) of the Act. Therefore, I am notifying you that it is necessary to extend the decision timeline for the Project.

I would like to assure you that the Government of Canada is committed to meeting its legislated timelines. In addition, the Government of Canada understands the importance of a predictable regulatory process for investors. I would like to thank you both in advance for your patience and understanding on this matter as the Minister works towards a decision on the Screening determination for the Project.



Should you have any questions, please direct them to Kim Pawley, Director, Environment and Renewable Resources, Northern Affairs Organization, at kim.pawley@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Walsh', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Wayne Walsh
A/Assistant Deputy Minister
Northern Affairs Organization

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