



**NIRB File No.: 24EN005**

NPC File No.: 150418

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To: The Honourable Gary Anandasangaree  
Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs  
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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of for Bronzite Exploration Corp.'s "Somerset Trough Project" Proposal**

Dear Honourable Minister:

On May 24, 2024, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received screen Bronzite Exploration Corp.'s (BEC) "Somerset Trough 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 s. 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. 24EN005.**

On August 12, 2024, NIRB received a request from BEC to suspend the NIRB's assessment for "Somerset Trough Project" proposal, which the NIRB did effective the same day. On January 28, 2025, the NIRB received notice that BEC would be completing an application and starting the file again. On February 25, 2025, BEC submitted a complete application and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On March 24, 2025, 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 April 14, 2025.

Due to the project proposal requiring validation of the scope and activities after additional detail identified during the assessment, 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* and additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **May 2, 2025**, 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, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

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/project/126134](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126134).

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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