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To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand  
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**Re: Extension Request for the Screening of Tundra Copper Corp's "Coppermine River Drilling Program" Project Proposal**

Dear Honorable Minister

**The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*<sup>1</sup>, hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of the project proposal.**

Due to the time required for the Proponent to fulfill their response to comments 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 requires additional time to complete the process. The Board anticipates providing its decision to you on or around **March 13, 2026**.

The NIRB has completed the following steps to conduct the screening work:

1. November 25, 2025, received the referral to screen the project proposal<sup>2</sup> from the Nunavut Planning Commission.
2. January 8, 2026, received the complete application form and verified it complete to determine scope of project activities, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*.
3. January 14, 2026, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted to the NIRB by February 4, 2026.
4. February 16, 2026, the NIRB provided the Proponent the opportunity to respond to comments by March 2, 2026.

Documents related to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the link in the header, and questions regarding this notification can be sent to the NIRB office at [info@nirb.ca](mailto:info@nirb.ca).

<sup>1</sup> *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*

<sup>2</sup> pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*)

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Scott Close, Tundra Copper Corp.  
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Lootie Toomasie, chairperson, Nunavut Water Board