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To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand P.C., MP
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: Rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for the Screening of Polar Knowledge Canada's "Coastal dynamics in Kugluktuk and Grise Fiord (Aujuttuq), Nunavut." Project Proposal

Dear Honorable Minister

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*¹, 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 translation delays 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 **May 22, 2026**.

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

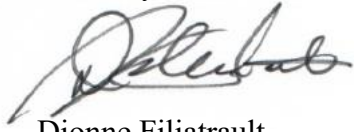
1. December 17, 2025, received the referral to screen the project proposal² from the Nunavut Planning Commission.
2. March 20, 2026, received the complete application form and verified it complete to determine scope of project activities, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*.
3. April 16, 2026, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted to the NIRB. Comments are due May 7, 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.

¹ *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*

² 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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