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AANDC File No: N2012C0001

NWB File No.: 2BE-QIL1217 *formerly* 2BE-QIL0712

GN-CGS File No.: LUP 06-607-014 and LUP 06-607-015

May 21, 2015

The Honourable Johnny Mike
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And

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Stornoway Diamond Corporation's Amendment and Renewal Request with NWB and GN-CGS for "Qilalugaq" project

Dear Mr. Johnny Mike and Mr. Bernard Valcourt:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (AANDC File No: N2012C0001; NWB File No.: 2BE-QIL1217 *formerly* 2BE-QIL0712; GN-CGS File No.: LUP06-607-014 and LUP 06-607-015).

On February 19, 2015 the NIRB received an application from Stornoway Diamond Corporation¹ (Stornoway) for an amendment to its Type B Water Licence with the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) 2BE-QIL1217 and a new Land Use Permit with the Government of Nunavut department of Community and Government Services (GN-CGS) to replace LUP06-607-014 for the "Qilalugaq" project. On February 20, and March 19, 2015 the NIRB received correspondence from the NWB and GN-CGS respectively, referring the project and associated applications to the Board for screening. On April 1, 2015 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for this project proposal.

¹ North Arrow Minerals Inc. is forming a joint venture agreement with Stornoway and will be transferring permits to their company once the agreement is complete.

Following the close of the Board's public comment period for this file on May 4, 2015, the Government of Nunavut department of Environment (GN-DoE) requested that NIRB keep the public record open to allow for submission of additional comments by GN-DoE; this outstanding comment submission is currently anticipated for May 22, 2015.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Stornoway's "Qilalugaq" project proposal within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by June 19, 2015.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line that extends to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Robin Hopkins, Stornoway Diamond Corporation
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