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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca and bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of the Department of National Defence's "Nanisivik Naval Facility" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Valcourt:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NIRB File No. 09DN018).

On June 28, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received correspondence from the Department of National Defence (DND or the Proponent) in response to the NIRB's January 16, 2013 Screening Decision Report for the "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal, providing clarification on the deficiencies identified by the NIRB in the original project proposal. On August 19, 2013 the DND submitted an updated "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal to the NIRB for Screening pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The NIRB noted that this project proposal constitutes a resubmission of the Nanisivik proposal (NIRB file number 09DN018) and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

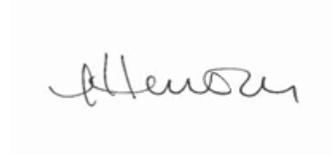
On August 30, 2013 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by the "Nanisivik Naval Facility" project proposal to provide comments directly to the Board by September 20, 2013. On September 23, 2013 the NIRB provided DND with an opportunity to address the comments and concern raised by parties before to the Board provides its decision to the Minister. The NIRB requested that a response be provided directly to the NIRB by October 7, 2013. On September 26, 2013 DND provided a response to parties' comments and concerns.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for DND's "Nanisivik Naval Facility" 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 October 11, 2013.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Amanda Hanson", is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

Amanda Hanson
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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