



**NIRB File No.: 13YN040**

December 20, 2013

The Honourable Paul Quassa  
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*Sent via email: [pquassa@gov.nu.ca](mailto:pquassa@gov.nu.ca)*

**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Environment Canada's "Snow Depth on Sea Ice" Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

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.

On November 28, 2013 the NIRB received Environment Canada's "Snow Depth on Sea Ice" project proposal from the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI). On December 16, 2013 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. The NIRB has requested additional information from the Proponent in support of this proposal.

Given the need to solicit additional information from the Proponent the NIRB is unable to provide a screening decision for Environment Canada's 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 February 7, 2014.

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 that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style and ends with a long horizontal flourish.

Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Stephen Howell, Environment Canada  
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