



**NIRB File No.: 14EN033**

August 20, 2014

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt  
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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of WPC Resources Inc.'s "Hood River" Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Bernard 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.

On July 17, 2014 the NIRB received WPC Resources Incorporated's (WPC) "Hood River" project proposal from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 14EN033 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4. 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. On July 30, 2014 the NIRB requested that WPC provide additional information in support of this proposal, which was then received by the NIRB on July 31, 2014. Following receipt of the necessary information, on August 7, 2014 the NIRB distributed the proposal to interested parties and communities potentially affected by the proposed project, requesting that parties provide comments to the NIRB on or before August 26, 2014.

Given the time needed to obtain information from the proponent to permit proper screening, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for WPC's "Hood River" 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 September 12, 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: Bruce Goad, WPC Resources Incorporated  
Geoff Clark, Kitikmeot Inuit Association