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Mr. Ryan Barry
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Dear Mr. Barry:

This is in response to your letter of August 20, 2014, addressed to the Honourable Bernard Valcourt, regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board on the WPC Resources Inc.'s land use application with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association for its "Hood River" Project Proposal, Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut (NIRB 14EN033). In your letter, you request additional time to screen the project.

Under Article 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the period of time required for the screening of a project proposal by the Nunavut Impact Review Board may exceed 45 days with the approval of the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development. I recognize that this project proposal involves unique considerations making screening within 45 days impossible for the Nunavut Impact Review Board. On the Minister's behalf, I am granting the Nunavut Impact Review Board permission to exercise this provision of the Land Claim and exceed the 45-day limit for the screening of this project. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ian D. Gray, Regional Director General, Nunavut Region, at 867-975-4501.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Isaak', written in a cursive style.

Paula Isaak
Acting Assistant Deputy Minister
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