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Mr. Mark Ings
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Dear Mr. Ings:

This is in response to your letter of December 18, 2015, addressed to the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board on the North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s land use application for its "Luxx Exploration" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region, Nunavut (NIRB 15EN052, NPC 148160). 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 Indigenous and Northern Affairs. 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 please do not hesitate to contact Ms. Tracey McCaie, A/Director, Lands & Contaminated Sites, Nunavut Region, at 867-975-4280.

Respectfully,



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