



NIRB File No.: 16YN046
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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
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House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca; carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Advisian's "Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies – Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On June 28, 2016 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Advisian's "Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies – Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 16YN046.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that certain areas within the proposal as submitted required additional clarification for the NIRB to carry out its screening and the NIRB requested additional project information be submitted by the Proponent via the NIRB's online public registry. Due to technical issues, the NIRB was unable to process the information in a timely manner and finish its completeness check. On July 13, 2016 the NIRB was able to confirm that the application was complete and distributed the application for comment to potentially affected communities and interested parties, requesting comments be submitted by August 3, 2016. As a result of the time necessary to allow interested parties to provide comments on the project proposal and to allow the Proponent to respond to the comments received, the NIRB requires additional time to complete the screening.

Please be advised that all information pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies – Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development
- NIRB File No.: 16YN046
- Application No.: 124674

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **August 19, 2016** at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



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