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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Government of Nunavut's "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" Project Proposal**

Dear Honourable Ministers:

On February 15, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Government of Nunavut "Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure – Deep Sea Port" 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 Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17XN021.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening; therefore, on February 22, 2017 the Board requested that the Proponent provide the additional information. On June 12, 2017 the NIRB received the requested information and commenced

the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. After conducting a completeness check on the large volume of information associated with this project proposal, on July 7, 2017 the NIRB distributed notice of the project to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by July 28, 2017. As a result of the additional time to ensure the application was complete prior to initiating the public consultation period, the NIRB requires additional time to complete its assessment.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca](http://www.nirb.ca) by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Iqaluit Marine Infrastructure - Deep Sea Port
- NIRB File No.: 17XN021
- Application No.: 125103

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 22, 2017** at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Ministers 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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