



NIRB File No.: 17XN011

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**Re: Suspension of Assessment Activities for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association's "Grays Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal, Pursuant to NuPPAA Subsection 143(2)**

Dear Scott Northey,

On May 3, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the enclosed correspondence from Nunavut Resources Corporation – sent on behalf of the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA or Proponent) – in which a request has been made for the suspension of the NIRB's assessment of the "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal, NIRB File No.: 17XN011. The Proponent has noted that the suspension request is necessary to address the future role of the Government of Nunavut (GN) in the proposed project, recognizing the GN's recent withdrawal from being a co-proponent for the project.<sup>1</sup>

Having taken into consideration the Proponent's comments in respect of the requested suspension, pursuant to subsection 143(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*) the Board is hereby suspending the assessment of the "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal as requested, effective **Monday, May 7, 2018**.

The Board notes that comments are due today from interested parties regarding the *Draft* Scope List, the *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines, and the Summary of the *Draft* EIS Guidelines distributed by the Board for this Review on March 5, 2018; when the assessment resumes, the NIRB will evaluate the need for a supplemental commenting period to confirm that the Proponent and all interested parties have had sufficient opportunity to provide comments for the Board's consideration regarding these documents. Upon receipt of a written request from the Proponent for the assessment to resume, the NIRB will provide direction regarding next steps and implications for the previously-communicated timelines for this Review.

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<sup>1</sup> Government of Nunavut letter to the NIRB dated April 27, 2018

Should the Proponent wish to resume the assessment in the future, a written request must be filed directly with the NIRB; **please note that if such a written request has not been filed within three years of the suspension date (May 7, 2018), the assessment of the project will be terminated as per subsection 143(4) of the NuPPAA.**

Should you have any questions regarding the suspension of this assessment or the information required to support the Review of this project proposal in the future, please contact Kelli Gillard, Acting Director, Technical Services, directly at (867) 983-4619 or at [kgillard@nirb.ca](mailto:kgillard@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Grays Bay Road and Port Distribution List

Enclosed: NRC Letter to NIRB Re Suspension Request (May 3, 2018)