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To: The Honourable Catherine McKenna
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
House of Commons
Government of Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Qulliq Energy Corporation’s “Kugluktuk Power Plant and Solar” Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On January 28, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Qulliq Energy Corporation’s (QEC) “Kugluktuk Power Plant and Solar” project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). **Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board’s written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No.: 19XN011.**

On January 28, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB’s public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On February 11, 2019 the NIRB received the online application. Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and in communication with the Proponent via email requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On February 21, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

On February 27, 2019 the NIRB circulated a public notice of the screening for this project, inviting interested parties to provide comments directly to the NIRB by March 20, 2019. On or before March 20, 2019, the NIRB received comments from several interested parties, and will be providing the Proponent with an opportunity to respond to the comments. As a result of the time required for the Proponent to respond to concerns raised during the public commenting period, 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* and requires an extension to complete the screening to fully consider the project proposal, and all comments and responses.

The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **April 26, 2019**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

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 <http://www.nirb.ca/project/125442>.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister 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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