



NIRB File No.: 19YN018
NPC File No.: 149068

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To: The Honourable Patterk Nester
Minister Responsible for Nunavut Arctic College
Government of Nunavut
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven’s “Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure” Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On March 18, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven’s “Sea-ice monitoring to support resilient transportation infrastructure, community economic development and youth training in Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak, Nunavut” 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. **19YN018**.

On March 18, 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. 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 on March 28, 2019 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On April 26, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On May 3, 2019 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board’s consideration by May 13, 2019. Due to the additional time required to receive the required information from the Proponent and to prepare translated materials necessary for the Board’s decision-making, the NIRB requires additional time to complete the screening of this file

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 **July 2, 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 www.nirb.ca/project/125455.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Connie Baines, Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
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