



NIRB File No.: 18UN054
NPC File No.: 149003

June 20, 2019

To: The Honourable Lorne Kusugak
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Government of Nunavut
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of iSolara Solar Power's "Igluligaarjuk Midnight Sun" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On December 14, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received iSolara Solar Power's (iSolara) "Igluligaarjuk Midnight Sun" 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. 18UN054.**

On December 17, 2018 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 sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. On January 9, 2019 the NIRB released a formal letter, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, requesting that the Proponent provide the Board with the information necessary in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. After additional requests by the NIRB (March 11, 2019) including a second formal letter issued on April 29, 2019 pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, the Proponent provided the requested additional information on May 7, 2019 and the NIRB commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*.

On May 24, 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 June 14, 2019. Due to the complexity of comments and concerns received by parties, on June 20, 2019 the NIRB provided the Proponent with an opportunity to respond to comments and address issues raised prior to the Board's decision-making for this file. As a result of the time required to accommodate opportunity 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 **July 12, 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/125438.

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 fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Andrew Goslett, iSolara Solar Power
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