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To: The Honourable Jeannie Ehaloak
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Hiku Projects Ltd.'s "Quarry Pit" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On September 23, 2020 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Hiku Projects Ltd.'s "Quarry Pit" 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 Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 20QN023.**

On September 23, 2020 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. 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 November 9, 2020 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On January 7, 2021 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On January 13, 2021 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 February 3, 2021.

Due to staff resource requirements and the Board availability due to the Mary River Phase 2 Resumed Public Hearing, 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 additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by March 15, 2021, 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.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

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/125566.

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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