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To: The Honourable Dan Vandal, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Northern Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: dan.vadal@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Environment and Climate Change Canada’s “Building Demolition and Temporary Camp at Eureka High Arctic Weather Station” Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On January 22, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Environment and Climate Change Canada’s (ECCC) “Building Demolition and Temporary Camp at Eureka High Arctic Weather Station” 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. 21UN002.**

On January 25, 2021 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 February 3, 2021 requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On February 17, 2021 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On February 26, 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 March 19, 2021.

Due to the complexity of comments and concerns received by parties, on March 22, 2021 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 additional time is requested to complete the decision-making for this file. The NIRB anticipates screening of this project proposal will be completed by **April 27, 2021**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Ministers 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 Ministers 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/125581.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,



Karen Costello
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Lootie Toomasie, Chairperson of the Nunavut Water Board