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To: The Honourable Dan Vandal
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s "Precious Metal Property" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On February 27, 2021 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received 5530 Nunavut Inc.'s "Precious Metal Property" 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. 17EA020.**

On February 26, 2021, the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On March 10, 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 31, 2021.

Due to the complexity of comments and concerns received by parties, on April 7, 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 the 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 **May 6, 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/125589.

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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