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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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RE:

NIRB File No.: 22YN022

Project Name: Investigating Scott Inlet seeps with autonomous underwater vehicles

To the Nunavut Impact Review Board,

This letter is jointly written and submitted by three organizations in Clyde River:

- Nangamautaq Hunters and Trappers Association
- Hamlet of Clyde River
- Ittaq Heritage and Research Centre

The Nangamautaq Hunters and Trappers Association is taking the lead in signing and submitting to NIRB, with support from the Hamlet and Ittaq.

In regards to NIRB File No.: 22YN022, we together request a time extension to properly review this proposed project and provide comments to NIRB. The first notice of screening we received was on May 25th, 2022 with comments due by June 3rd, a very short time period. We **respectfully request an extension to June 30th, 2022.**

Due to the nature, timing, and location of the proposed activities, we require time to convene and consider the proposal. Specifically, the project is to take place at a time and in an important area of narwhal hunting for the community. We want to ensure this activity does not create any concerns for our hunters. The community has already been preparing for summer hunting in the location (fuel drops) and also, since the ship has plans to move back and forth between Scott Inlet and Clyde River, we want to ensure there are no concerns about hunting activities closer to the community as well.

In addition to our organizations, we also want to ensure that community members are aware of the project and have an opportunity to comment. At this time there is little awareness about the proposed activities and we feel that the public also need time to be informed and understand the project and provide input if they choose.

Thank you for taking our request. We look forward to your response and providing input on this proposal.

Sincerely,



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Chairman