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To: The Honourable Joanna Quassa
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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Natural Resources Canada's "Keewatin Glacial Dynamics" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On March 21, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Natural Resources Canada's (NRCan) "Keewatin Glacial Dynamics" 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. 23YN013.**

On March 27, 2023, 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 March 27, 2023, requested that the Proponent provide the Board with the additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On April 6, 2023, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On May 1, 2023, 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 May 22, 2023.

Due to the high volume of screenings currently before the Board, 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 **June 19, 2023**, 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/125784.

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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cc: Lootie Toomasie, Chairperson of the Nunavut Water Board
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The Honourable Dan Vandal, Minister of Northern Affairs
The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, Minister of Environment and Climate Change