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June 8, 2023

Dear Ms. Costello,

RE: NIRB Request for Clarification on Parties' Expectations Regarding Audit Workshop

I am writing on behalf of the Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) to request an extension of the June 15, 2023 deadline set by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for a response to a series of clarification questions which are outlined in NIRB's May 17, 2023 correspondence regarding the Audit Workshop.

NIRB requested that the Government of Canada, Baffinland, and QIA respond to a series of clarification questions from NIRB regarding the audit workshop postponement. Those questions relate to the relationship between the biannual audit required by Project Certificate Term and Condition 179, and the Term and Condition 189 requiring an Interim Project Monitor (and the work underway to develop a potential Permanent Project Monitor).

QIA appreciates the clarification questions from NIRB, which relate to topics already under discussion by the Government of Canada, Baffinland, and QIA. Those three parties are scheduled to meet in Ottawa on June 19, 2023 to discuss matters related to the Project Monitor (including the relationship of this proposed position to other Project Certificate requirements).

QIA respectfully requests that NIRB extend the timeline for response to the clarification questions to allow the three parties to respond based on discussions already scheduled for June 19 on these topics. QIA suggests a response deadline of June 30, 2023 rather than June 15, 2023, based on discussion with Baffinland and the Government of Canada (who will respond separately on the matter of the timing of a response to NIRB's clarification questions).

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If you have any questions about this request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Director, Lands and Resource Management

Cc: Megan Lord Hoyle and Christine Kowbel for Baffinland
Joanna Ankersmit, Lisa Dyer, and Neil Modi for Government of Canada