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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Dynamic Ocean Consulting’s “Kinngait Sealift Improvement Project” Proposal

Dear Honourable Ministers:

On November 3, 2023, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Dynamic Ocean Consulting’s “Kinngait Sealift Improvement Project” proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, subsequently amended on January 18, 2023, 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. 23XN070.**

On November 3, 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. On January 12, 2024, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On January 23, 2024, 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 February 13, 2024.

As a result of the workload before the Board due a Project Certificate reconsideration associated with a major development project, 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 **March 15, 2024**, 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/125864.

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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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Energy and Natural Resources
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