



**NIRB File No.: 25UN049**  
Commission File No.: 150741

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To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand, P.C., MP  
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs  
House of Commons  
Ottawa, ON  
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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Government of Nunavut’s “Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey” Project Proposal**

Dear Honourable Minister:

On May 20, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Government of Nunavut’s “Kivalliq-Baffin Connector Marine Survey” 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. 25UN049.**

Following a preliminary completeness check of the proposal as submitted on June 3, 2025, the NIRB determined that the proposal did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening and on June 5, 2025, requested that the Proponent provide the Board with additional information in order to carry out the screening of the project proposal. On June 5, 2025, the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On June 24, 2025, 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 July 15, 2025.

Due to limited capacity, 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 **July 30, 2025**, 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/126195](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126195).

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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