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Dear Albert Ehaloak and John Tugak:

I appreciate the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (the Board) correspondence received on April 30, 2026, regarding the Screening Decision Report (the Report) for Inuit Mining & Exploration's (the Proponent) Cache Zone 2026 project proposal (the Project). The Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs has jurisdictional responsibility for issuing the Screening decision, and I am responding on the Minister's behalf.

Following its assessment, the Board determined that the Project may proceed without a review, subject to the implementation of Project-specific terms and conditions set by the Board.

It has been determined that more time is needed to exercise powers and perform duties and functions in respect of the Report, pursuant to subsection 93(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*. Therefore, I am notifying you that it is necessary to extend the decision timeline for the Project.

I would like to assure you that the Government of Canada is committed to meeting its legislated timelines. In addition, the Government of Canada understands the importance of a predictable regulatory process for investors. I would like to thank you both in advance for your patience and understanding on this matter as the Minister works towards a decision on the Screening determination for the Project.

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Should you have any questions, please direct them to Kim Pawley, Director,  
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