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Hi Kelli,

Thank you again for taking the time to explain NIRB's IR stage. After considering the information you provided and discussing with the Board at our meeting during June 11-13th, the BQCMB would still like to proceed with requesting a 14-day extension to the current Information Request deadline.

The Board understands that the Information Request stage is intended to identify missing content or gaps that limit parties' ability to understand the assessment, and that it is not the only opportunity to raise technical concerns. At the same time, given the scale and technical nature of the EIS, the Board remains concerned that the current timeline does not allow enough time to complete the review needed for matters related to barren-ground caribou, caribou habitat, cumulative effects, and harvesting-related impacts.

In our conversations with other organizations involved in the review, we have also heard that the current timeline is challenging for others as well. We appreciate that many parties are doing their best within the time available, but the repeated capacity concerns we are hearing add to the Board's concern that important information gaps could be missed at this early stage.

The Board recognizes the importance of maintaining efficient review timelines, and we appreciate that NIRB has already extended the deadline to June 19. We are not making this request lightly. However, given the potential implications of the project for the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds, caribou habitat, and Indigenous caribou users across jurisdictions, we believe a further 14-day extension would help support a more thorough, useful, and well-supported Information Request process.

Please let us know if there is any additional information required from the Board to support this request, or if there is a formal process, we should follow to submit it.

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