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July 8, 2026

To: The Honourable Craig Simailak
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Baker Lake, NU

The Honourable Brian Koonoo
Minister of Culture and Heritage
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Re: Extension Request for the Screening of Government of Nunavut's "Arctic Bay Sealift Field Program" Project Proposal

Dear Honorable Ministers

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*¹, hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of the project proposal.

Due to Canada Day and Nunavut Day, the Board requires additional time to process the file and 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 requires additional time to complete the process. The Board anticipates providing its decision to you on or around July 16, 2026.

The NIRB has completed the following steps to conduct the screening work:


1. April 27, 2026, received the referral to screen the project proposal² from the Nunavut Planning Commission.
2. May 25, 2026, received the complete application form and verified it complete to determine scope of project activities, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*.
3. June 4, 2026, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted to the NIRB.
4. July 7, 2026, begin Board voting period.

¹ *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*

² pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*)

Documents related to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the link in the header, and questions regarding this notification can be sent to the NIRB office at info@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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