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To: West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.

Sent via email: glaw@westkit.ca

Re: NIRB Reply to West Kitikmeot Resources Corp.'s Inquiry Regarding Responding to Specific Information Requests (IRs)

Dear Gavin Law:

Thank you for your recent email of August 4, 2026 (attached to this correspondence) from West Kitikmeot Resources Corp. (WKR or Proponent) in relation to Information Requests (IRs) received in relation to the NIRB's ongoing review of the Grays Bay Road and Port Proposal (NIRB File: 24XN038).

In the email, WKR categorized the 431 IRs issued by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) and requested that, for IRs categorized by WKR as "Requests Beyond the Final Scope List and IS Guidelines (Out of Scope)" (34 IRs in total), *"WKR requests that the Board identify the basis for each of these requests within the Final Scope List and Final IS Guidelines, or, where no such basis exists, withdraw them."*

In relation to IRs categorized by WKR as "Requests Requiring Additional Engineering Design Information" and "Requests That Constitute Technical Comments" (39 IRs in total), WKR requested that these responses be deferred to the technical review phase of the review. Regarding IRs categorized by WKR as "Requests Associated with Management and Monitoring Plans" (32 IRs in total), WKR requested that these IRs be addressed through an update to the monitoring and management plans to be provided prior to the Technical Meeting. In relation to IRs categorized by WKR as "Other Information Requests" (326 IRs in total), WKR committed to providing these responses during the IR response stage.

As a preliminary matter, the NIRB reiterates that it received a total of 948 IRs in the current IR stage of the review. Of these, 517 IRs were submitted by 19 commenting parties, while 431 IRs were either issued by the NIRB or the NIRB jointly with the MacKenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB). As set out in the NIRB's July 20, 2026, correspondence,¹ the

¹ NIRB Doc. ID: [362385]

Board considered the relevance of the IRs to the Proposal, their relevance to the current IR stage of the review process, and the information necessary to support the subsequent technical review of WKR's Impact Statement.

In developing, reviewing and forwarding 431 IRs to WKR for a response, the NIRB considered the Final Scope of the Proposal, the Final Impact Statement Guidelines issued by the NIRB for the Proposal, the information contained in WKR's Impact Statement, and the fact that a detailed technical review period will follow the IR stage. On this basis, the Board determined that the 431 IRs were relevant and necessary at this stage of the review. Accordingly, the Board does not agree with WKR's characterization of 34 of these IRs as being outside the Final Scope of the Proposal or the Final Impact Statement Guidelines. Consequently, the NIRB will not revisit its determination with respect to these IRs, and NIRB's direction to WKR remains to provide responses to all 431 IRs identified in the NIRB's July 20, 2026, correspondence.

In relation to WKR's requests to defer responses to some IRs until a subsequent technical review stage, the Board advises that the information requested through these IRs was identified as necessary at the current stage to support the formulation of technical review comments. It remains open to WKR to identify in its response package where, in its view, sufficient information has already been provided to address a particular IR and to clearly identify where that information can be found.

The Board recognizes that the parties and the Proponent may differ in their views as to how much information and what level of detail is required to develop technical review comments and encourages WKR and the parties to resolve these issues through dialogue and responsive information exchange throughout the NIRB's assessment.

In conclusion, the Board also understands that, due to the volume of IRs, WKR may not be able to respond to all IRs by the August 19, 2026 deadline. The NIRB notes that, in its August 4, 2026 email, WKR indicated that it is planning to submit an updated proposed timeline for providing WKR's responses when filing its August 19 submission, and the Board will consider such a proposal upon receipt.

Should you have questions or require further clarification regarding this reply or the Board's ongoing assessment of the Grays Bay Road and Port Proposal, please contact me at 866-233-3033 (ext. 545) or via email at apourmahabadian@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Grays Bay Project Distribution List

Enclosed: August 4, 2026 email from Gavin Law to K. Gillard et. al. Re: NIRB 125987/24XN038 – Request for Responses to IRs for the Grays Bay Road and Port Project Proposal.