



NIRB File 26WN045

NIRB Public Registry link: www.nirb.ca/project/126465

NPC File No.: 150968 and 150883

October 16, 2026

To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: Rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for the Screening of Government of Nunavut's "Renewal and Amendment of Water Licence 3BM-GRI2636 to Type A" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister

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 the time required by the Proponent to respond to comments received, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in *NuPPAA* and requires additional time to complete the process. The Board anticipates providing its decision to you on or around November 13, 2026.

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

1. June 12, 2026, received the referral to screen the project proposal² from the Nunavut Planning Commission.
 - a. June 18, 2026, NIRB emailed Proponent regarding Online Public Registry.
 - b. June 29, 2026, NIRB sent Information Request.
2. July 17, 2026, received the complete application form and verified it complete to determine scope of project activities, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*.
 - a. August 24, 2026, NIRB emailed Proponent for clarification of NPC file numbers 150883 and 150968.
 - b. August 27, 2026, NIRB sent Information Request.
3. September 4, 2026, NIRB accepted and opened screening.
4. September 8, 2026, the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted to the NIRB.

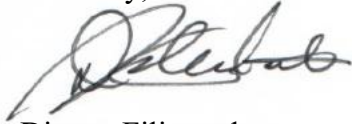
¹ *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*

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

5. October 5, 2026, the NIRB distributed Opportunity to Address Comments to Proponent, due October 19, 2026.
6. October 15, 2026, Proponent requested an extension to October 23, 2026, to have more time to properly address all comment submissions.

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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