



Affaires indiennes
et du Nord Canada

Indian and Northern
Affairs Canada

Sous-ministre adjoint

Assistant Deputy Minister

Ottawa, Canada
K1A 0H4

MAY 12 2009

Ms. Stephanie Autut
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)
PO Box 1360
CAMBRIDGE BAY NU X0B 0C0



Dear Ms. Autut:

The Honourable Chuck Strahl has asked me to reply to your letter of April 20, 2009 regarding screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) of the project proposal "Department of National Defence, Nanisivik Naval Facility, Baffin, Nunavut (NIRB 09DN018)". In your letter, you request additional time to screen the proposed project.

Under Article 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the period of time required for the screening of a project proposal by the NIRB may exceed 45 days with the approval of the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs. I recognize that this project proposal involves unique considerations making screening within 45 days impossible for the NIRB. On the Minister's behalf, I am granting the NIRB permission to exercise this provision of the Land Claim and exceed the 45-day limit for the screening of this project. I would like to thank the NIRB for its diligence in the review of this proposal.

Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Michael Nadler, Regional Director General, Nunavut Region, at (867) 975-4503.

Sincerely,

Patrick Borbey
Assistant Deputy Minister
Northern Affairs Organization

