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Re: Request Extension to Respond to Stakeholder Comments to the Nanisivik Naval Facility (NNF) PSIR Submission

Dear Ms. Hanson:

I would like to thank the stakeholders who reviewed the project documents and provided feedback. The opinions are very important to us; we are currently reviewing all of the comments and will prepare a response.

The Nanisivik Naval Facility (NNF) project's mandate is to build the infrastructure to support the Arctic Offshore Patrol Ships (AOPS). While the NNF is a sub-project within the AOPS project, the submission to NIRB (and to the Nunavut Planning Commission and Nunavut Water Board) is focused solely on the NNF infrastructure.

Several of the items mentioned are applicable to the AOPS activities, and not necessarily the NNF in particular. As such, I do not have the authority to comment directly on those concerns. We will, however, endeavour to provide a response to these concerns, but I have to confer with the appropriate personnel, which requires additional time.

Additionally, some of the stakeholders have mentioned our consultations held in 2007 and 2008, but not those held since that time. The NNF project team has visited the Hamlet of Arctic Bay many times since then, with the most recent significant activity being an Open House held in February 2011. We will compile a list of our visits to the community and this will be provided to the stakeholders for review.

As a result of the above, DND requires further time to review and respond to the comments. We respectfully ask that a response date of **29 February 2012** be granted in order for us to address the concerns thoroughly.

Sincerely,

Rodney Watson, P.Eng (ON).

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