

NIRB File No.: 12XN013 NWB File No.: 1BH-CHE---

April 26, 2012

The Honourable John Duncan Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Executive Offices 10 Wellington St. Gatineau, QC, K1A 0H4

Via email: Duncan.j@parl.gc.ca and minister@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca

Re: <u>Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Inukshuk Construction Ltd.'s</u>
'Chesterfield Inlet Fuel Facility Expansion' Project Proposal

Dear Mr. John Duncan:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NWB File 1BH-CHE---, NIRB File 12XN013).

On February 13, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application for a Type B water licence for Inukshuk Construction Limited's 'Chesterfield Inlet Fuel Facility Expansion' project proposal from the Nunavut Water Board. On March 14, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 12XN013 and commenced Screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

The NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check of the project proposal and found that the proposal did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On March 23, 2012 the NIRB requested that additional information from the Proponent be provided to the NIRB by April 6, 2012. On April 25, 2012 the NIRB received the requested information in support of this project proposal.

Due to the delay in receiving the information required to permit proper screening, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen this project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by May 30, 2012.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested parties of the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Ryan Barry

**Executive Director** 

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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