

NIRB File No.: 12UN047 NWB File No.: 1BR-CLY----GN-CGS File No.: LUP-B12-001 GN-CGS Quarry Permit: QB12-001

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## Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of GN-CGS' "Remediation of the Old Town Site, Clyde River" project proposal

Dear Mr. John Duncan and Mr. Lorne Kusugak:

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 (12UN047).

On October 17, 2012 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services' (GN-CGS) "Remediation of the Old Town Site, Clyde River" project proposal (the Project) in addition to a formal request to screen the Project. In addition, on October 29, 2012 the NIRB received a referral for screening from the Nunavut Water Board. On November 16, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission and assigned this project proposal file number 12UN047.

After an initial technical review for application completeness, NIRB staff determined that the application materials submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening and on November 23 2012, requested that the Proponent provide additional information. The NIRB received the information as requested on November 26, 2012 and continued screening the project proposal in accordance with Section 4, Article 12 of the NLCA.

At this time the NIRB has identified that the public commenting period for this file will overlap with the holiday season and as such it will require additional time to screen the project.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for GN-CGS' "Remediation of the Old Town Site, Clyde River" project proposal within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by January 16, 2013.

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

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

Sincerely,

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