



NIRB File No.: 12DA002
AANDC File No.: N2011X0030

February 1, 2012

The Honourable John Duncan
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Executives Offices
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Gatineau, QC, K1A 0H4

Via email: Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca and minister@aandc.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Biogenie's "FOX-3, Dewar Lakes – Site Demobilization" 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 (AANDC File No. N2011X0030).

On January 4, 2012, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Biogenie's (the Proponent) "FOX-3, Dewar Lakes – Site Demobilization" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). AANDC requested that the NIRB provide a determination by February 10, 2012.

On December 22, 2011, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for this file. The NIRB assigned this project file number 12DA002 and commenced screening of the proposal in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA).

The Christmas holiday season coincided with the timing of the NIRB process and, in order to give adequate opportunity for the public to submit comments for this project proposal, the Board is not able to provide a screening decision within the time period specified by AANDC as per Section 12.4.5(a) of the NLCA. The NIRB hereby requests additional time to screen this project proposal and anticipates that the screening process will be completed by February 17, 2012.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director

cc: Nancy Davis, Biogenie
Jeff Mercer, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Robert St. Eloi, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board