

NIRB File No. 12XN023 NWB File No.: 1BR-FTA

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The Honourable John Duncan Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians 10 Wellington, 21st Floor Gatineau, QC K1A 0H4 Mr. Thomas Kabloona Chairperson Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Sent via email: duncan.j@parl.gc.ca; minister@aandc.gc.ca and tomkabloona@netkaster.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Transport Canada's "Cambridge Bay Airport Remediation" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. John Duncan and Mr. Thomas Kabloona:

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 (12XN023).

On April 5, 2012 the NIRB received Transport Canada's (TC; the Proponent) "Cambridge Bay Airport Remediation" project proposal from the Nunavut Water Board. This project occurs in an area without an approved land use plan in place; therefore a conformity determination was not required from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file.

Please note that, while water uses that do not require a hearing are typically exempt from the requirement for Screening by the NIRB pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1 item 5, because this project proposal includes industrial activities within an established municipality, item 3 of NLCA Schedule 12-1 requires that a NIRB Screening be undertaken. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 12XN023 and commenced Screening pursuant to Part 4 of Article 12 of the NLCA.

On April 27, 2012 the NIRB requested further information from the Proponent. The NIRB received a portion of the information requested on May 9, 2012. The remaining information remains outstanding as of the date of this letter.

Owing to the outstanding information required for the Board to continue with the assessment of this proposal, it 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 the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by June 30, 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,

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Executive Director

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