

NIRB File No.:14QN031

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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development 10 rue Wellington Gatineau, QC K1A 0H3

Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: <u>Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Uplogiaq Inc.'s "Quarry" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Mr. Bernard Valcourt:

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.: N2014Q0014).

On July 11, 2014 the NIRB received Uplogiaq Inc.'s (the Proponent) "Quarry" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 14QN031 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On July 15, 2014 the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information in support of this proposal by July 29, 2014. On July 21, 2014 the NIRB received the requested additional information to proceed with the screening.

Owing to the need to obtain additional information prior to commencing its assessment and public commenting period, the NIRB is unable to provide a screening decision for the Proponent's "Quarry" project proposal within the 42 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 August 20, 2014.

If this request is approved, 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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