



**NIRB File No.: 12DN040**  
AANDC File No.: N2012X0027  
KIA Exemption No.: KTX12X011

November 26, 2012

The Honourable John Duncan  
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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of AANDC-Contaminated Sites Division's "Hope Lake Remediation 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 or Board) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (AANDC File No. N2012X0027, KIA Exemption No. KTX12X011).

On October 15, 2012 the NIRB received Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada-Contaminated Sites Division's (AANDC-Contaminated Sites) "Hope Lake Remediation Project" proposal from AANDC, Lands Division. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 12DN040 and commenced Screening pursuant to the NLCA, Article 12 Part 4. On October 29, 2012 the NIRB received updated forms from the Proponent regarding this project proposal and distributed a public notice requesting comments from interested parties on or before November 19, 2012.

Due to unanticipated technological complications (mail server error), the notice distributed via email by the NIRB on October 29, 2012 was not received by all intended recipients. As a result, the NIRB has extended the public commenting deadline and as such, will not be able to provide a screening decision for AANDC-Contaminated Sites' "Hope Lake Remediation Project" proposal within the 42 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA. The Board therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal, and it is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by **December 7, 2012**.

If this request is approved, the 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,

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  
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