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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett

Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

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Sent via email:carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: <u>Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's "FOX-D Site Remediation" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On October 13, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC, now Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada) "FOX-D Site Remediation" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 15DN048.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening. On October 15, 2015 the NIRB requested that AANDC provide additional information in support of this proposal, which was received by the NIRB on October 16, 2015. On October 16, 2015 the NIRB distributed the project proposal to parties and potentially affected communities to comment by November 6, 2015. Due to concerns raised during the comment period, on November 9, 2015 the NIRB provided AANDC with an opportunity to respond to the comments, and received a response on November 18, 2015.

Please be advised that all information pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location: http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15DN048-AANDC-FOX-D%20Remediation/.

Due to the need for additional clarification during the assessment, the NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of the project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by

December 4, 2015 at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the Minister will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

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