



NIRB File No. 13DN033
AANDC File No.: N2013U0015
NWB File No.: 1BR-NIR----

September 17, 2013

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada-Contaminated Sites Division's "Nottingham Island Site Remediation Project" Project Proposal

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. N2013U0015).

On August 12, 2013 the NIRB received Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada-Contaminated Sites Division's (AANDC-Contaminated Sites; the Proponent) "Nottingham Island Site Remediation Project" proposal from AANDC-Lands Division. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13DN033 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following receipt of the initial application materials, the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On August 24, 2013 the NIRB issued correspondence to the Proponent requesting additional information in support of the project proposal. The NIRB received the information as requested on August 30, 2013 and continued its assessment of the proposal pursuant to NLCA 12.4.4.

Owing to the additional information required in order to proceed with the assessment of this proposal, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for AANDC-Contaminated Sites's "Nottingham Island Site Remediation Project" 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 October 11, 2013.

If this request is approved, 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 written in a cursive style with a long, horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
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