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To: The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C., M.P Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Northern Affairs and Internal Trade House of Commons Government of Canada Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Nahanni Construction Ltd.'s "Lupin Mine Winter Access" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On January 14, 2019 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Nahanni Construction Ltd.'s "Lupin Mine Winter Access" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 19RN005.

On January 14, 2019 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that sufficient information is provided to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and commence screening. On January 15, 2019 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On January 16, 2019 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by February 7, 2019. Due to late submissions of public comments, delays due to translation of internal documents and Board commitments, the Board requires more time to issue the screening decision.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca/project/125435.

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this 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 **March 4, 2019**, at which time a screening decision report will be

submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

If this request is approved, the 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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Executive Director

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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