



NIRB File No.: 15YN008

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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Geological Survey of Canada's "Tehery-Wager Geoscience Project" project proposal

Dear Mr. Paul Quassa:

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.

On February 16, 2015 the NIRB received the Geological Survey of Canada's (GSC) "Tehery-Wager Geoscience Project" project proposal directly from the GSC and, on February 25, 2015 it was referred to the NIRB for Screening by the Nunavut Research Institute (NRI). On February 27, 2015 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Land Use Region) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file.

As you may be aware, the NIRB facilitated the Final Hearing for its Review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s "Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project" from March 2-14, 2015. During that time, the Board was required to temporarily suspend its consideration of other files, including the Screening for the aforementioned project proposal.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Geological Survey of Canada's (GSC) "Tehery-Wager Geoscience Project" project proposal within the 45 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 April 30, 2015.

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 require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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