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**Extension Request for Information Requests Pertaining to NIRB File 12MN001 TMAC's "Hope Bay Phase 2 Amendment"**

Dear Mr. Boa-Antwi

Upon initial review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for TMAC's "Hope Bay Phase 2" amendment the Government of Nunavut (GN) has uncovered multiple information gaps that require further attention.

The review of a DEIS is a significant undertaking, requiring many hours of detailed analysis. Exacerbating the time constraints already surrounding this project, the DEIS copies were not mailed out before Jan 18. Despite best efforts on the part of the Proponent to connect us with the requested electronic and hard copies as soon as possible, difficulties surrounding mail service in the north prevented them from reaching all the necessary GN technical personnel until Jan 30. The GN is aware that the NIRB provides online access to the documentation; however the limitations of online access and the volume of documents do not make this a viable option for northern users, at present.

The GN formally requests an extension to the Feb 17 deadline for the submission of information requests for this project review. The GN considers a one week extension to be reasonable and sufficient to fulfill its duties as an intervener.

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