

The NIRB must endeavour to ensure consistent timelines in the review of major development projects proposed in the Nunavut Settlement Area, while maintaining as much flexibility in its scheduling as is necessary to allow for the full participation of parties. The NIRB is prepared to accept the CNSC's request and extend the deadline for the submission of Information Requests, however, as the NIRB's next regular board meeting is scheduled for June 25-29, 2012 and requires the participation of all Board staff and significant associated logistics, the NIRB would not have sufficient time to carry out the required consideration of parties' Information Requests without causing a significant delay should an 18 day extension be granted.

Therefore, at this time the Board is prepared to extend the deadline for the submission of Information Requests by 14 days, to **Monday, June 18, 2012**. It is hoped that this extension will allow the CNSC sufficient time to carry out its completeness check while consulting and coordinating with the other federal government departments as might be necessary, and at the same time, enable the NIRB to maintain the most efficient Review timeline possible. Please note that, following the Proponent's submission of a response to Information Requests, further information deficiencies or additional information requirements may be identified through the remaining 60 day technical review period and noted in parties' technical review comments to the Board.

The NIRB notes that it has an obligation to adhere as closely as possible to its published review timeline¹ and expects that all parties will endeavour to structure their participation in the Review process in accordance with the timelines set by the Board. Given the current number of active assessments before the NIRB and the implications to the timelines for these other assessments, it is important that the Board has confidence in the CNSC's ability to meet the remaining timelines for the Kiggavik Review moving forward. To this end, the Board asks that the CNSC review the enclosed review process map and notify the NIRB as soon as possible if it determines that it will be unable to meet the June 18, 2012 deadline for the submission of Information Requests, or if it is believed that additional time might be required at any subsequent stages of this Review to permit the full and effective participation of CNSC in this assessment. The NIRB will continue to consider requests for flexibility in its timelines on a case by case basis and looks forward to working with all parties to maintain an efficient and timely review process.

By copy of this letter, the NIRB hereby extends the Information Request period for the Kiggavik Review and requests that all interested parties submit their information requests to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or by fax to (867) 983-2594 on or before **5:00 pm MST, Monday, June 18, 2012**.

If you have any questions or require additional clarification regarding the NIRB's Review process, please contact Amanda Hanson, Director of Technical Services (867) 983-4615 or ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



¹ NIRB Guide 5: Guide to the NIRB Review Process, Appendix A available online at the following location: <http://ftp.nirb.ca/04-GUIDES/>

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cc: Kiggavik Distribution List

Enclosed: CNSC Letter to NIRB Re Extension Request (Received March 10, 2012)
Process Map for the Review of the Kiggavik Project (May 14, 2012)