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Via email: donihee@telusplanet.com

Re: Extension Request

Dear Mr. Donihee:

In response to your letter dated March 8, 2005, regarding a request for an extension in responding to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (NIRB or Board) potential decision to suspend the Technical Review, your request is granted. Your submission is due in writing at by 5:00pm on March 18, 2005.

In addition, the Board clarifies that NIRB staff will *not* be attending Cumberland's workshops or public meetings that are being conducted in Baker Lake over the next several days.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe,
Executive Director

cc Honorable Andy Scott, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
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