



July 3, 2012

Mr Ryan Barry  
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**RE: Request for Extension to Provide Comments on Draft Agenda for Final  
Hearing for Baffinland's Mary River Project Proposal**

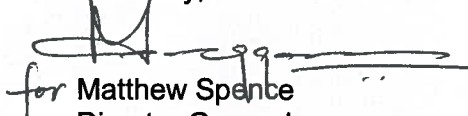
Dear Mr. Barry,

Thank you for your letter dated June 26, 2012 regarding the "Format and Draft Agenda for Final Hearing" for the upcoming Mary River Project hearing dates. I am pleased to respond on behalf of the federal departments and agencies participating in the NIRB's review of the Mary River Project. Specifically, I am writing on behalf of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Canadian Transportation Agency, Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Natural Resources Canada, and Transport Canada.

You have asked that intervenors that require more than their presently allotted time inform you of their requirements by today, July 3, 2012. Federal departments and agencies are still assessing their presentation plans, and are therefore unable to respond to this question today. Consequently, we request a brief extension until July 9, 2012, which will allow us to provide careful answers to your question. At the same time, federal departments and agencies are reviewing your June 26th letter to determine what other comments we may have on the draft agenda and hearing format. We expect to have those comments to you by July 9, 2012.

We look forward to your response to our request.

Sincerely,



for Matthew Spence  
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