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Mr. Amuno,

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On August 22, 2017<sup>1</sup>, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) requested comments be submitted by September 22, 2017 in regards to the DRAFT Mary River Project Monitoring Program. The Qikiqtani Inuit Association (QIA) would like to thank NIRB for this opportunity to comment. As you are aware, QIA has been an active participant of the Mary River Project assessment, both the original and the amendment. As the Designated Inuit Organization, QIA has a vested interest and responsibility to continue to participate in the request for comment process related to Appendix A of the NIRB Project Certificate.

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As such, QIA would like to request an extension to the stated deadline for the following reasons:

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- QIA believes that a 30-day submission timeline is too short given the importance of the matter.
- Due to competing demands on QIA resources, additional time is required for QIA to complete its review.
  - At present there are a number of equally important demands related to the project before both the Nunavut Planning Commission and the Nunavut Water Board during the same time period.
- Additional internal conflicts exist between scheduled community visits and QIA's annual general meeting.

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QIA believes completing a full review of the DRAFT program is possible by October 27, 2017. We kindly request that NIRB please consider the above and issue a timely response so that QIA can manage its resources accordingly.

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Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> NIRB (2017) 170822-08MN053-NIRB Ltr Parties Re Request for draft Appendix A-OT6E. August 22, 2017.