



**NIRB File No.: 12MN001**  
NWB File No.: 2BB-MAE----

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**Re: Extension Request for Response to Comments for TMAC Resource's Inc.'s Application for NLCA 12.10.2(b) Exception for the Madrid Advanced Exploration Program related to the Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project**

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Dear John Roberts:

On December 29, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a submission from TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC or Proponent) describing the "Madrid Advanced Exploration Program" project proposal (the Application). The Application was submitted for consideration pursuant to the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) Section 12.10.2(b), which allows for exceptions for specific approvals to be granted for exploration or development activities related to a project under Review by the NIRB where, in the judgment of the NIRB the activities can be considered and approved independently of the Review. The Application is associated with TMAC's Phase 2 Hope Bay Belt project proposal (NIRB File No.: 12MN001) which is currently undergoing Review by the NIRB pursuant to Part 5, Article 12 of the NLCA.

On March 24, 2015 the NIRB received a referral from the Nunavut Water Board for a Type "B" water licence associated with the Application and on June 1, 2015 the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) referred the Application to the NIRB. Table 1 below is a summary of the project history for the Application to date.

**Table 1: Project History for TMAC's Application for NLCA 12.10.2(b) Exception**

| Date          | Project Milestone   |
|---------------|---|
| June 3, 2015  | The NIRB distributed a request for comment to interested parties and municipalities affected by the proposal. |
| June 24, 2015 | The NIRB received Parties comments on the Application.  |

| <b>Date cont.</b>  | <b>Project Milestone cont.</b>   |
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| July 20, 2015      | The NIRB provided TMAC an opportunity to address comments received regarding TMAC's application for NLCA 12.10.2(b) Exception.   |
| August 1, 2015     | TMAC requested an extension until August 21, 2015 to respond to concerns raised during the comment period.   |
| August 24, 2015    | TMAC responded to comments and committed to providing a submission to the NIRB by September 15, 2015 with further details regarding the socio-economic baseline and assessing socio-economic effects which may arise from the Madrid Advanced Exploration Program. |
| September 16, 2015 | The NIRB received the submission of aforementioned materials from TMAC.  |
| October 1, 2015    | The NIRB provided parties with a final opportunity to review TMAC's response to comments as requested by the Government of Nunavut (GN) in its comment submission.   |
| October 14, 2015   | The NIRB received Parties comments on the Application.   |
| October 23, 2015   | The NIRB provided TMAC with a final opportunity to address comments raised during the final commenting period by November 2, 2015.   |
| October 28, 2015   | TMAC notified the NIRB they required until November 30, 2015 to complete a final response to comments.   |

On December 1, 2015 the NIRB received correspondence from TMAC requesting an extension on the date of submission for its response to comments until February 16, 2016 in order to conduct additional consultation it considered necessary to address the concerns raised during the public commenting period. The NIRB is willing to accept TMAC's requested for additional time as it is on the Proponent to provide the required information to allow the Board to complete its assessment under 12.10.2(b) of the NLCA. The NIRB expects that the additional time would enable TMAC to provide sufficient information for the Board to complete its decision.

Sincerely,



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