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March 7, 2007

The Honourable Jim Prentice:  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Ottawa, ON

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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Baffinland Mary River Bulk Sampling Project Proposal**

Dear Hon. Mr Prentice and President Alikatuktuk:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NIRB No.: 07EN004; INAC No.: N2007F0004; QIA No.: LUA-2007-001).

NIRB commenced the screening of this file on January 22, 2007. On March 6, 2007 (42 days of NIRB's Part 4 Screening process) NIRB received a request for an extension from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association to allow for additional time for the QIA to consult with Pond Inlet's Community Land and Resources Committee (CLARC) about the project proposal (see attached correspondence).

Therefore, NIRB requests additional time for the Part 4 Screening of this project proposal in order to receive comments from this Party. NIRB will make every effort to complete the Screening of this project proposal in a timely fashion following the submission of comments from the QIA and other Parties.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested Parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Attachment: Correspondence dated March 6, 2007 from John Amagoalik to Carolanne Inglis-McQuay