



NIRB File No.: 17EN059
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August 2, 2017

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs
Government of Canada
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Transition Metals Corporation's
"Arcadia Bay Property" Project Proposal**

Dear Carolyn Bennett:

On May 23, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Transition Metals Corporation's (Transition or Proponent) "Arcadia Bay Property" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17EN059.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening; therefore on May 23, 2017 the Board requested that the Proponent provide additional information, and subsequently followed up to confirm the additional information on May 30, 2017. On June 20, 2017 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On July 4, 2017 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by July 25, 2017. Due to concerns raised by parties, on July 26, 2017 the NIRB provided the Proponent an opportunity to respond to comments prior to the Board making its decision on the project. The Board currently awaits submission of the Proponent's response to comments.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

- Project Name: Arcadia Bay Property

- NIRB File No.: 17EN059
- Application No.: 125155

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **August 16, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration.

If this request is approved, the NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Thomas Hart, Transition Metals Corporation
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