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The Honourable John Duncan Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Executive Offices 10 Wellington St. Gatineau, QC K1A 0H4

Via email: Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca and minister@aandc.gc.ca

## Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Kivalliq Energy Corporation's "Angilak" Project

Dear Mr. Duncan:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (08EN052).

On January 26, 2012 the NIRB received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an amendment to Land Use Permit N2008C0026 previously issued for Kivalliq Energy Corporation's "Angilak" project. The NIRB also received an email on January 25, 2012 from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this application confirming that the amendment request would not require an NPC conformity review, and further, that the terms contained within the original conformity determination (May 28, 2010) remain in effect. Be advised that the NIRB previously screened the Angilak project (NIRB File No. 08EN052) pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the NLCA.

Following the Board's initial review of this project proposal, it has been determined that the current amendment application constitutes a significant change to the original scope of the project as screened by the NIRB and the application is therefore subject to further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.4 of the NLCA. As such, the Board's assessment process and subsequent recommendation are subject to the timelines of the screening process as set out in NLCA Section 12.4.5.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 42 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by March 30, 2012.

If this request is approved, the 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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