10th October 2026

To:
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Subject: Victory Lake Project – Completion of NIRB Screening Timeline

Dear Kim,

1517081 B.C. Ltd. is writing regarding the Victory Lake Project (NIRB File 26EN006; NPC File 150967). NIRB completed its screening of the Project on May 4th, 2026 and determined that the Project may proceed without a review, subject to the applicable terms and conditions. The NIRB screening report on May 4th stated:

> *"the NIRB is of the view that the project proposal is not likely to cause significant public concerns, and it is unlikely to result in significant adverse environmental and social impacts. The NIRB therefore recommends that the responsible Minister accepts this Screening Decision Report."*

CIRNAC subsequently extended the Ministerial decision period under subsection 93(2) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act. In CIRNAC's June 3, 2026 correspondence to the Company, CIRNAC confirmed that:

> *"At the very outside, the legislated decision timeline with the extension is September 16th."*

That date has now passed.

We therefore understand that the legislated screening and Ministerial decision timeline has concluded, and that there is no longer an outstanding NIRB screening timeline preventing the remaining regulatory processes from moving forward.

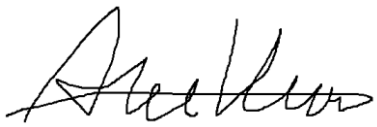
We also note that the NIRB public registry records the Victory Lake Project screening as "COMPLETED" and the file as closed as of May 4, 2026.

Accordingly, CIRNAC Lands, the Nunavut Water Board and the Kivalliq Inuit Association can now continue toward completion and issuance of their respective land use permits, water licence and Inuit Owned Land authorization for the Victory Lake Project.

For reference, attached are:
- NIRB's May 4, 2026 screening documentation;
- CIRNAC's May 14, 2026 extension notice; and
- CIRNAC's June 3, 2026 correspondence confirming September 16, 2026 as the outside legislated timeline.

We would like to thank CIRNAC, NIRB, NWB and KivIA for their continued work on the Victory Lake Project.

Sincerely,



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NIRB File: 26EN006
link: www.nirb.ca/project/126345
Nunavut Planning Commission File No.: 150967

May 4, 2026

To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs
House of Commons
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Sent via email: rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca and landsmining@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca

Re: Screening Decision for 1517081 B.C. LTD "Victory Lake" Project Proposal, Kivalliq Region

Dear Honourable Minister:

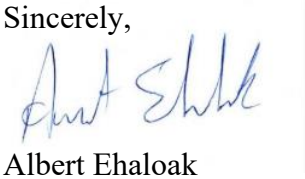
On January 16, 2026, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral pursuant to the Nunavut Agreement and *NuPPAA* to conduct a screening[1] of 1517081 B.C. LTD "Victory Lake" project proposal and after completing the required process, the NIRB determined[2] that **a review of the project is not required** and recommended specific terms and conditions[3].

The attached Screening Decision Report provides the regulatory framework, scope of proposal and Board's assessment process, public engagement, factors relevant for the determining significance of impacts, and recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Additional information on the project can be viewed on the NIRB's public registry at the link at the top of this letter.

The NIRB look forward to receiving a response from the Minister, and any questions on the Board's assessment process or the Screening Decision Report can be directed to the NIRB's Director, Operations, Tara Arko at (867) 983-4611 or tarko@nirb.ca.

1 Pursuant to Article 12, Sections 12.4.1 and 12.4.4 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada* (*Nunavut Agreement*) and section 87 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (*NuPPAA*)
2 Pursuant to s. 92(1)(a) of the *NuPPAA*
3 Pursuant to s. 92(2)(a) of the *NuPPAA*

Sincerely,



Albert Ehaloak
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board

Enclosure (1): Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 26EN006 (May 4, 2026)

cc: Lootie Toomasie, Chairperson, Nunavut Water Board
Kono Tattuinee, President, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Tracey McCaie, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Marcus Bermann, Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada
Richard Dwyer, Nunavut Water Board
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Ashley Aupaluktuq-Burton, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Brenda Pilakapsi, Kivalliq Inuit Association
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May 14, 2026

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Dear Albert Ehaloak and Alexandre Jones Vilela da Silva:

I appreciate the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (the Board) correspondence received on May 4, 2026, regarding the Screening Decision Report (the Report) for 1517081 B.C. LTD's (the Proponent) Victory Lake project proposal (the Project). The Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs has jurisdictional responsibility for issuing the Screening decision, and I am responding on the Minister's behalf.

Following its assessment, the Board determined that the Project may proceed without a review, subject to the implementation of Project-specific terms and conditions set by the Board.

It has been determined that more time is needed to exercise powers and perform duties and functions in respect of the Report, pursuant to subsection 93(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*. Therefore, I am notifying you that it is necessary to extend the decision timeline for the Project.

I would like to assure you that the Government of Canada is committed to meeting its legislated timelines. In addition, the Government of Canada understands the importance of a predictable regulatory process for investors. I would like to thank you both in advance for your patience and understanding on this matter as the Minister works towards a decision on the Screening determination for the Project.

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Should you have any questions, please direct them to Kim Pawley, Director, Environment and Renewable Resources, Northern Affairs Organization, at kim.pawley@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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c.c.: Dionne Filiatrault

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June 3, 2026

RE: Request for Clarification – May 14, 2026 Notice under Subsection 93(2) of NuPPAA

Dear Alex Vilela:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 19, 2026, regarding the notice extending the responsible Minister's decision timeline under subsection 93(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) for the proposed Victory Lake Project. We appreciate the challenges this extension provides with respect to your project planning and coordination.

In your letter you asked three questions, to which I have replied below.

1. *Whether the extension applies to the full screened project scope, including Inuit Owned Land components, or only to Crown Land components.*

   The NuPPAA screening decision is required before the proposed project can proceed, irrespective of whether on Crown or Inuit Owned Lands.

2. *The anticipated revised decision date, or expected timeline for the Minister's decision.*

   Required Crown consultation on the decision with Sayisi Dene First Nation and Northlands Denesuline First Nation (collectively referred to as the Ghotelnene K'odtįneh Dene) could not be completed within the 15 day legislated screening decision timeline, necessitating the extension. At the very outside, the legislated decision timeline with the extension is September 16th, however we are hopeful a decision can be issued well before then.

   We recognize that these delays are challenging with respect to the exploration season, and are working to ensure alternate means and timing of addressing consultation for future projects undergoing screening.

3. *Whether any additional information is required from the Proponent to support the Minister's decision.*

   At this time, no further information is needed from the Proponent by Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs to support the screening decision, however we do encourage you to engage with the Dene about your Project in the event there are actions you can take to help avoid, address, or mitigate some of their concerns. We would be happy to provide appropriate contacts in this regard.

Again, thank you for your patience as we ensure the Crown consultation requirements are met.

Sincerely,

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