



**NIRB File No.: 15EN009**

AANDC File No.: N2015C0009

NWB File No.: 2BE-COP1416

April 9, 2015

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt  
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development  
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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Tundra Copper Corporation's "Coppermine-Exploration" Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Bernard Valcourt:

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 (NIRB: 15EN009; AANDC: N2015C0009; NWB: 2BE-COP1416).

On March 5, 2015 the NIRB received Tundra Copper Corporation's (Tundra Copper) "Coppermine-Exploration" project proposal from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). The NIRB notes that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission was not required for this file as the proposed project is within a region that does not have an approved land use plan (Kitikmeot region). The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 15EN009 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the Board to permit proper screening and on March 20, 2015 the NIRB requested additional information from the Proponent, which was received on March 31, 2015.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Tundra Copper's "Coppermine-Exploration" project proposal within the 35 day time period<sup>1</sup> outlined by AANDC and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by April 30, 2015.

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

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<sup>1</sup> AANDC referral dated March 5, 2015 requesting a decision from the NIRB by April 16, 2015.

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

Sincerely,

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

Ryan Barry  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Nigel Luckman, Tundra Coppermine Corporation  
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