



**NIRB File No.: 13EN013**

AANDC File No.: N2013C0009

KIA File Nos.: KTL112B009, KTL112B010

May 21, 2013

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt  
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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of HTX Minerals Corporation's "Itchen Lake Property" 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 (Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada [AANDC] File No. N2013C0009 and Kitikmeot Inuit Association [KIA] File Nos. KTL112B009 and KTL112B010).

On April 15, 2013 the NIRB received HTX Minerals Corporation's (Proponent) "Itchen Lake Property" project proposal directly from the Proponent and on April 22, 2013 the NIRB received a referral from AANDC to screen the above mentioned proposal. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13EN013 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following receipt of the initial application materials, the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On May 2, 2013 the NIRB requested additional information from the Proponent to be provided to the Board by May 18, 2013. In addition, the NIRB received a referral from the KIA on May 8, 2013 to screen the "Itchen Lake Property" project proposal and the "Contwoyto Lake" project proposal. In review of the KIA application, the NIRB will require additional information from the Proponent for the NIRB to permit proper screening. The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for the "Itchen Lake Property" project proposal within the 42 day time period for AANDC applications 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 July 2, 2013.

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,

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.

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