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January 16, 2013

The Honourable John Duncan Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development 10 Wellington Street Gatineau, QC K1A 0H4

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

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Prosperity Goldfield Corp.'s "Kiyuk Lake" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. John 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 (N2011C0011).

On December 3, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Prosperity Goldfield Corp.'s "Kiyuk Lake" Land Use Permit amendment application and on December 5, 2012 the NIRB received referral to screen the application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC).

After an initial technical review for application completeness as well as clarifying the scope of the amendment request, NIRB staff determined that the application materials submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening and on December 14 2012, requested that the Proponent provide additional information. The NIRB received the information as requested on December 17, 2012 and continued screening the project proposal in accordance with Section 4, Article 12 of the NLCA. Furthermore, on January 10, 2013 the NIRB received a request from the Manitoba Denesuline to extend the public commenting period for this file. The NIRB found the request to be reasonable and on January 10, 2013 the Board extended the public commenting period for this file to February 21, 2013, as requested.

Owing to the additional time required to allow meaningful public commenting to this file, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Prosperity Goldfield Corp.'s "Kiyuk Lake" project proposal 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 **February 28, 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,

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