

NIRB File No.: 15EN052

NPC File No.: 148160

December 18, 2015

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs 10 Rue Wellington Gatineau, OC K1A 0H3

Sent via email: carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: <u>Extension Request for NIRB Screening of North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s "Luxx Exploration" Project Proposal</u>

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett:

On December 1, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received North Arrow Minerals Inc.'s (North Arrow; the Proponent) "Luxx Exploration" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 15EN052.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening. On December 8, 2015 the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information in support of this proposal, which was subsequently received by the NIRB on December 14, 2015. On December 16, 2015 the NIRB distributed the application to federal and territorial agencies, as well as organizations in potentially affected communities. As a result of the additional time necessary to allow the Proponent to provide the required information, the public commenting period for this file overlaps with the holiday season and as such the NIRB has provided parties with additional time to ensure adequate public consultation on the proposal.

Please be advised that all information pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location: http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/15EN052-North%20Arrow%20Minerals-Luxx/.

The NIRB is unable to provide its written report for the screening of this project proposal within the 45 days as set out in the NuPPAA. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by January 30, 2016 at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the Minister(s) will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

Mark Ings

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Nunavut Impact Review Board

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