



NIRB File No. 11EN031 INAC File No. N2011C0016 KIA File No. KVL111B05 NWB File No. 2BE-MRP

June 2, 2011

The Honourable John Duncan, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Executive Offices 10 Wellington St. Gatineau, QC, K1A 0H4

Via email: <u>Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca</u>; <u>minister@inac-ainc.gc.ca</u>

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of IronOne Inc.'s "Maguse River Project" Proposal

Dear Mr John Duncan:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC File No. N2011C0016).

On May 3, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received IronOne Inc.'s 'Maguse River Project' proposal. On May 10, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. On May 11, 2011 the NIRB send out correspondence advising parties that a referral for screening would be required from Government departments/agencies or Regional Inuit Associations responsible for authorizing the proposed project works or activities. Additionally, the NIRB requested that the Proponent supply supplemental information to permit proper screening by the Board.

On May 23, 2011 the NIRB received a formal referral for screening from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for this project proposal and on May 26, 2011 the NIRB received the requested information from the Proponent. The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 11EN031 and commenced screening

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA (i.e. by and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by June 30, 2011.

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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