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Honourable John Duncan Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Ottawa, ON

Sent via email: <u>Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca</u> and <u>minister@inac-ainc.gc.ca</u>

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Canadian Nickel Corp.'s "Peter Lake" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable John Duncan:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (NIRB File No. 11EN016).

On February 11, 2011 the NIRB received Canadian Nickel Corp.'s "Peter Lake" project proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association. On February 14, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for the "Staking and Prospecting of Peter Lake". Initially the NIRB mistook the project proposal to be exempt from the requirement for Screening¹, however on April 1, 2011 the NIRB was notified of its oversight and commenced screening of the project proposal; this project proposal has been assigned NIRB File No. 11EN016.

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 and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by April 29, 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,

¹ Pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1(6), prospecting, staking or locating a mineral claim are exempt from NIRB Screening unless it requires more than a Class B permit or equivalent.

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