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Nunavut Planning Commission File No.: 150967

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To: The Honourable Rebecca Chartrand
Minister of Northern and Arctic Affairs
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: rebecca.chartrand@parl.gc.ca and landsmining@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca

Re: **Extension Request for the Screening of 1517081 B.C. LTD "Victory Lake" Project Proposal**

Dear Honorable Minister

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), pursuant to s. 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*¹, hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of the project proposal.

To allow the NIRB to scope the project proposal; parties to comment; and allow time if the proponent is provided with an opportunity to address comments before being presented to the Board, 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* and requires additional time to complete the process. The Board anticipates providing its decision to you on or around **April 30, 2026**.

The NIRB has completed the following steps to conduct the screening work:

1. January 16, 2026 - received the referral to screen the project proposal² from the Nunavut Planning Commission.
2. February 11, 2026 - received the complete application form and verified it complete to determine scope of project activities, pursuant to s. 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*.
3. March 10, 2026 - the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties requesting comments be submitted to the NIRB.
4. March 31, 2026 - Comments due from parties.

Documents related to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the link in the header, and questions regarding this notification can be sent to the NIRB office at info@nirb.ca.

¹ *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*

² pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*)

Sincerely,



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