



NIRB File No.: 11EN037
INAC File No.: N2011C0020

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The Honourable John Duncan
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
Executives Offices
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Via email: Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca and minister@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Advanced Explorations Inc.'s "Western Project" 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 (INAC File No. N2011C0020).

On May 27, 2011, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Advanced Explorations Inc.'s "Western Project" project proposal from the Qikiqtani Inuit Association. On May 30, 2011, this project proposal was referred to the NIRB for screening by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) with a request for a determination to be provided by July 6, 2011.

On June 28, 2011, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 11EN037 and commenced the Part 4 screening.

Having only just commenced screening of this application, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the time period specified by INAC as per Section 12.4.5(a) of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen this project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by August 9, 2011.

If this request is approved, the 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,



Stephanie Autut,
Executive Director

cc: Gary Williams, Advanced Explorations Inc.
Jeff Mercer, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Salamonie Shoo, Qikiqtani Inuit Association
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board