



NIRB File No.: 13UN037

NWB File No.: 3AM-GRA1015/Amendments No. 1

December 20, 2013

The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of GN-CGS' "Hamlet of Rankin Inlet: Amendment Application – Seasonal Replenishment of Nipissar Lake" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Bernard Valcourt:

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 (NWB File No.: 3AM-GRA1015/Amendment No. 1).

On August 23, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received the Government of Nunavut, Department of Community and Government Services' (GN-CGS) "Hamlet of Rankin Inlet: Amendment Application – Seasonal Replenishment of Nipissar Lake" project proposal from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). On September 10, 2013 the NIRB issued correspondence to the GN-CGS advising that a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) would be required prior to commencing screening and which recommended that additional information be provided in support of the project proposal. On December 11, 2013 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the NPC for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13UN037 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4. On December 17, 2013 the NIRB requested that additional information be submitted by January 3, 2014 to permit proper screening of this proposal.

At this time the NIRB has identified that the public commenting period for this file will overlap with the holiday season and as such, will be extended by the Board to ensure that potentially-affected communities and parties are provided with sufficient time to review the associated documentation. The NIRB will therefore require additional time to screen the project.

Given the need to solicit additional information from the Proponent and ensure an appropriate public commenting period, the NIRB is unable to provide a screening decision for the GN-CGS'

“Hamlet of Rankin Inlet: Amendment Application – Seasonal Replenishment of Nipissar Lake” project proposal 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 February 7, 2014.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ryan Barry", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Ryan Barry
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