

NIRB File No.: 13UN032

Associated NIRB File No.: 08QN080 Hamlet of Gjoa Haven File No.: DVP12-003GH

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Re: <u>Update on NIRB Screening of the Government of Nunavut - Community and</u>
Government Services' "New Gjoa Haven Sewage Lagoon" Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Lorne Kusugak:

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.

On July 10, 2013 the NIRB received the Government of Nunavut - Community and Government Services' (GN-CGS) "New Gjoa Haven Sewage Lagoon" project proposal from GN-CGS. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 13UN032 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following receipt of the initial application materials, the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On July 18, 2013 the NIRB issued correspondence to the Proponent requesting additional information in support of the project proposal. The NIRB received correspondence from GN-CGS on July 31, 2013 indicating it would be prepared to address the information deficiencies on or before August 14, 2013. On August 22, 2013 and September 17, 2013 the NIRB received additional information in support of this project proposal, but upon review of the submissions in both instances, found that the proposal was insufficiently developed to permit proper screening. On September 26, 2013 the Board again requested that the required information be provided. The additional information needed to continue with the Board's assessment has not yet been received.

Owing to the delay in obtaining necessary information to support the Board's assessment, the NIRB is unable to complete its screening of this proposal within the timeframe previously

indicated<sup>1</sup> and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. We anticipate that the screening process will be completed within 45 days of receiving the information from the Proponent as requested.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Initially anticipated to be 45 days from the Proponent's submission of information requested by the NIRB. It was anticipated that the screening would be completed by October 4, 2013.