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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the

Government of Nunavut's "Gravs Bay Road and Port" Project Proposal

Dear Ministers:

On January 20, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen the Kitikmeot Inuit Association and the Government of Nunavut's "Grays Bay Road and Port" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the NuPPAA, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Ministers extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17XN011.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain the necessary information for the NIRB to carry out its screening; therefore, on January 30, 2017 the NIRB requested that the additional information from the Proponent be provided to the Board. On July 21, 2017 the Proponent provided the requested information. Following review of the additional information provided, the NIRB followed up with the Proponent on August 11, 2017 noting that the information was outstanding in order for the NIRB to carry out the screening of the project proposal.

The Proponent provided the requested additional information by August 17, 2017 and the NIRB commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. After conducting a completeness check on the large volume of information associated with this project proposal, the NIRB distributed notice of the project on August 22, 2017 to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by September 12, 2017. As a result of the time necessary to review the comments submitted on the proposed project, the NIRB requires additional time to complete its assessment.

All documents received and pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at www.nirb.ca by using any of the following search criteria:

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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. The NIRB anticipates that the screening of this project proposal will be completed by **October 16**, **2017** at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Ministers for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the responsible authority will notify the Proponent and the NIRB of the extension.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding this request, please contact our office toll free at 1-866-233-3033.

Sincerely,

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