



NIRB File No.: 12YA048
AANDC File No.: N2012K0032
NRI File Nos.: 0101708R-M, 0101808R-M
NWB File No.: 2BE-IHE----

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Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Qulliq Energy Corp.'s "Iqaluit Hydro-Electric Project" Proposal

Dear Mr. Duncan and Mr. Shewchuk:

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 (AANDC File No. N2012K0032, NRI File Nos.: 0101708R-M, 0101808R-M).

On November 23, 2012 the NIRB received Qulliq Energy Corp.'s (QEC or the Proponent) "Iqaluit Hydro-Electric Project" proposal from the Proponent. On December 18 and December 20, 2012 the NIRB received referrals to screen the project proposal from the Nunavut Research Institute and Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, respectively. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 12YA048 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

On January 21, 2013 the NIRB received correspondence from the Proponent which provided additional details regarding the project description. These details presented a change to the project scope which, in the Board's opinion, warranted additional time to be provided for the

public commenting period for the file and as a result, the Board will require additional time to screen the project.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for QEC's "Iqaluit Hydro-Electric" project proposal within the 42 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, 2013.

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,



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