



**NIRB File No.: 15XN041**

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**Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven's "Swan Lake River Bridge" Project Proposal**

Dear Mr. Johnny Mike:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5(b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above.

On July 8, 2015 the NIRB received a referral to screen the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven's "Swan Lake River Bridge" project proposal from the Government of Nunavut - Community and Government Services. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 15XN041 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4.

Following a preliminary completeness check, the NIRB determined that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the Board to permit proper screening. On July 20 and 30, 2015 the NIRB requested that the Proponent provide additional information in support of this proposal. On August 6, 2015 the NIRB received the requested additional information to proceed with the screening. On August 7, 2015 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by the "Swan Lake River Bridge" project proposal to provide comments directly to the NIRB by August 28, 2015.

Due to the need for additional information to commence its assessment of this proposal, the NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven's "Swan Lake River Bridge" 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 September 7, 2015.

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 require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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