

NIRB File No.: 13DN041 NPC File No.: 148152

December 18, 2015

The Honourable Carolyn Bennett Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs 10 Rue Wellington Gatineau, OC K1A 0H3

Sent via email: carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Canadian Forces' "Exercise Arctic Ram 2016" Project Proposal

Dear Ms. Carolyn Bennett;

On November 6, 2015 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Canadian Forces' "Exercise Arctic Ram 2016" 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 Minister(s) extend the period for the submission of its written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 13DN041.

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. On November 16, 2015 the NIRB requested that the Canadian Forces provide additional information in support of this proposal, which was subsequently received by the NIRB on November 23, 2015.

Please be advised that all information pertaining to the NIRB's screening of this project proposal can be accessed from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location: http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2014/13DN041-Canadian%20Forces-Arctic%20Ram%202014/

Given the additional time required to address information deficiencies in the proposal, 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 January 15, 2016 at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister(s) for consideration.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the Minister(s) 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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