

NIRB File No.: 17CN051 NPC File No.: 148550

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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Government of Canada House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

## Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Artic Kingdom's "Redbull" Project Proposal

Dear Carolyn Bennett:

On May 2, 2017 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a referral to screen Arctic Kingdom's "Redbull" 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 the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 17CN051.

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 May 2, 2017 the Board requested that the Proponent provide additional information. On May 5, 2017 the NIRB received the required information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the NuPPAA. On May 10, 2017 the NIRB distributed notice of the project proposal to potentially affected communities and interested parties with a request for comments to be submitted for the Board's consideration by May 30, 2017. Following the close of the commenting period, it was noted that, owing to an administrative error not all communities had received the original notice of screening; therefore on June 8, 2017 the NIRB redistributed the screening notice for a second commenting period. As a result of the additional time to ensure all potentially impacted communities were provided with an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed project, additional time is required to complete the screening of this file.

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 <a href="www.nirb.ca">www.nirb.ca</a> 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 **June 30, 2017**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister 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,

Ryan Barry

**Executive Director** 

Ryan Barry

Nunavut Impact Review Board

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