

NIRB File No.: 18YN004

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To: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C. Minister of Crown – Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Sent via email: minister@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca, carolyn.bennett@canada.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Market Road Film's "Ghost Pack: White Wolves of the North" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister:

On February 5, 2018 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Market Road Films' "Ghost Pack: White Wolves of the North" project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission for screening, pursuant to Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*). Pursuant to subsection 92(4) of the *NuPPAA*, the NIRB hereby requests that the responsible Minister extend the period for the submission of the Board's written report for the screening of this project proposal, NIRB File No. 18YN004.

On February 5, 2018 the NIRB requested that the Proponent complete the online application form through the NIRB's public registry system and ensure, pursuant to subsection 144(1) of the *NuPPAA*, that the information provided be sufficient to determine the scope of the project activities being proposed and that sufficient information has been provided to commence screening. On February 6, 2018 the NIRB received the required additional information and commenced the screening pursuant to Part 3 of the *NuPPAA*. On February 14, 2018 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 March 7, 2018. The project proposal is currently with the Board for its decision-making; however due to the high volume of screenings currently before the Board and continued vacancies in board member appointments challenging NIRB quorum requirements, additional time is required to complete the decision-making for 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 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 **March 29, 2018**, at which time a screening decision report will be submitted to the responsible Minister for consideration; should any additional time be required to conclude the screening process, the NIRB commits to providing further updates as deemed appropriate.

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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Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Jeremy Wheeler, Market Road Films

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