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**Re: Follow-up communications regarding the request for additional time to review
30 day Red-Flag review of the Reclaim Tool and User Manual.**

Mr. Lester,

I am writing regarding recent correspondence requesting a 60-day review of the Reclaim Tool and User Manual rather than the 30 days originally provided.

As you are aware, this work follows more than a year of consultation and engagement with the Chamber and broader industry, including the October 2025 workshop hosted by the Chamber. In response to the Chamber's November 18, 2025 correspondence, CIRNAC and the Reclaim Working Group committed to providing the finalized tool and manual to stakeholders in advance of policy discussions. The original target release dates of January and February 2026 were not met, due to scheduling difficulties and staff availability.

The materials were officially released on February 27, 2026 with the expectation of 30-day final review period. This package included the Reclaim Tool, User Manual, and accompanying redline version, which were distributed to industry via the Chamber, posted to the Nunavut Water Board Public Registry, and circulated to stakeholders, landowners, and other interested parties.

The Chamber's request that the review period be extended to 60 days was considered. Recognizing the 60-day review would move the process beyond the dates for the Nunavut Mining Symposium and delay scheduled discussions on implementation. We are extending the review period until April 20, 2026.

All comments intended for consideration must be submitted by this date. Following April 20, 2026, the Red-Flag review will be considered complete and the tool and manual will proceed to finalization.



Understanding that the Chamber is currently in a period of transition, CIRNAC wanted to take this opportunity to respond to you directly so as to ensure that it will fully address your concerns and confirm that we have a mutually agreed-upon set of expectations. CIRNAC remains committed to maintaining a clear and predictable process and to advancing this work without further delay

CIRNAC looks forward to a continued productive working relationship with the Chamber based on cooperation and direct communication. This last year has been a learning experience, and the strides taken represent a significant accomplishment for the Territories, landowners, and industry. CIRNAC encourages the Chamber to recognize these achievements and assure your membership that it remains committed to responsible development and an adherence to modern mining practices.

Sincerely,

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