

rather will be undertaking a reconsideration of the Project Certificate Terms and Conditions under Article 12, Part 8, Section 12.8.2 of the NLCA. The Board notes, however, that although the NIRB will not be undertaking a screening in relation to the proposed amendments, in recognition of the central role of the NPC and land use planning under the NLCA's integrated regulatory process, the Board has indicated to the Minister, the Proponent and the parties, that until the proposed project amendments have been reviewed by the NPC for conformity with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and the NPC has issued a positive conformity determination, the Board will not initiate the internal review processes associated with the Board's reconsideration of the Terms and Conditions of Project Certificate No. 005.

On this basis, the Board has issued direction to the Proponent that the NPC's conformity determination is a key precondition to the initiation of the NIRB's internal review processes, and the Board has encouraged the Proponent to follow up with the NPC in this regard. With the NPC's conformity determination constituting a key preliminary step and recognizing that the timeline for determining conformity with approved land use plans is completely at the NPC's discretion, the NIRB would appreciate receiving the NPC's guidance as soon as possible regarding the anticipated time required for its consideration of this pending application.

In the interim, if you have any questions, comments or wish to discuss further the Board's approach to the reconsideration, please contact Amanda Hanson, Director of Technical Services at (867) 983-4615 or via email at ahanson@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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