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Subject: RE: NIRB: 07EN005 Information Received and Comments Requested for Western Uranium Corp's Thelon Basin Project Proposal
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Leslie:

CLEY reviewed this application in 2007 and since the extension of the permit for a year, in particular considering there are no plans to operating field activities in 2009, does not influence the requirement for the proponent to avoid the 8 known archaeological sites within the development area CLEY has no additional comments on this file. The co-ordinates for the archaeological sites were provided in 2007.

It would be appreciated if NIRB could inform the proponent that any future review of such a project will require the proponent to retain the services of a professional consulting archaeologist to conduct a preliminary overview assessment of the project area. The overview assessment does not require field work. An assessment is required to assist the applicant with avoiding recorded and unrecorded heritage resources and project planning in relation to heritage resources.

Julie

From: Info at NIRB [mailto:info@nirb.ca]
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Dear Mr. Bowden:

On February 17, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) was forwarded an application for a one year extension to land use permit N2006C0041 from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), in support of Western Uranium Corp.'s (Western Uranium) "Thelon Basin" project proposal (NIRB File No. **07EN005**). On March 2, 2009 NIRB received confirmation from the Nunavut Planning Commission that the previous conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land use Plan) still applies to the current project proposal.

After conducting a preliminary completeness check, on March 2, 2009 NIRB requested additional information from Western Uranium to permit a NLCA Part 4 Screening of this project proposal. On March 18, 2009 NIRB again wrote to Western Uranium, advising that the requested information had not been received and was still required by the Board. To date, NIRB has received copies of the requested materials in English only – *Inuktitut translations have not yet been provided.*

ORIGINAL PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Previous applications and current file information related to the current project proposal (NIRB File No. **07EN005**) are available on the Board's ftp site using the following link:
<http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/07EN005-Western%20Uranium%20Corporation/1-SCREENING/>

The Proponent is currently requesting an extension to its Class A Land Use Permit for this project for a period of one year, until March 23, 2010. The requested extension is for the purpose of maintaining a camp location for exploration in future years; no field operations will

be conducted and no persons will be using the camp in 2009.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or

(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”

NIRB is of the opinion that the proposed extension does not *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore, NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached March 26, 2007 Screening Decision (**Appendix A**) and the September 6, 2007 amendment approval (**Appendix B**), along with any new terms and conditions the Board feels are appropriate. NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and invites interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 2, 2009**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed components or activities were a part of the original proposal;
- whether their inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of the NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette, at info@nirb.ca or via fax to **(867) 983-2594**.

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