



Via email: charltonex@bellnet.ca

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Nowleye Lake / BUGS Uranium Exploration Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Charlton:

On February 29, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Land Use Plan) for UR-Energy Inc.'s Nowleye Lake / BUGS uranium exploration project proposal from the Nunavut Planning Commission. Furthermore on March 13, 2008 the NIRB received a Class A Land Use Permit Application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for this project. On March 17, 2008 NIRB acknowledged the receipt of your application and had requested additional information for the NIRB to conduct an environmental screening. On March 27, 2008, NIRB received this information. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 08EN024.

The project is located on crown land in Nowleye Lake Area of the Kivalliq Region approximately, 370km south of Baker Lake, 400 km west of Arviat and 390kms north of Stony Rapids, Saskatchewan. The nearest communities are Arviat, Whale Cove and Baker Lake. The Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary is 120km to the north. UR-Energy intends to conduct exploration activities for uranium and thorium on their BUG property including constructing a camp to support diamond drilling, prospecting, mapping as well as ground and airborne geophysical surveys. The work is expected to be carried out between May and September (2008 and 2009). Ur-Energy also holds 3 properties on the Northwest Territories side of the border, Eyeberry, Screech Lake, and Gravel Hill. Minor exploration activity is planned from the BUGs camp location on one or more of these NWT properties in 2008.

The project activities include:

- Camp construction (10-14 people)
- Diamond Drilling (10 – 15 holes per year; 100-200metres in depth)
- Prospecting, Mapping
- Geophysical surveys (ground and airborne)
- Radon surveys
- Collection of surface rock samples
- Fuel transport and temporary storage

- Transportation (fixed wing and helicopter)
- Water Use
- Storage of Products, Chemicals and Hazardous Materials
- Production of Associated Waste

All documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/08EN024-UR%20Energy%20Inc/1-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/ including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*
- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut (pending)*
- *General Project Information Requirements NIRB (NIRB Part 2- PSIR form)*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Land Use Application*
- *UR-Energy Abandonment and Restoration Plan Bug Project Nunavut*
- *UR-Energy 2007 Fuel Spill Contingency Plan*
- *UR-Energy Safety Manual and Field Guide to Survival at Remote Exploration Sites*
- *Saskatchewan Best Management Practices for Drilling Operations and the Handling of Uranium Mineralization*
- *Saskatchewan Radiation Protection Guideline for Uranium Exploration*
- *Nunavut Environmental Guideline for General Management of Hazardous Waste*

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the Project Proposal. NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by UR Energy project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **Thursday April 17, 2008**.

NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Jaida Ohokannoak at (867) 983-4615 or advisor7@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

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