

**VIA COURIER** 

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Attention Stephanie:

Re: Kiggavik Project: Notification Regarding the Submission of the Project Proposal

AREVA Resources Canada Inc. ("AREVA") is writing to notify the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB") of its intention to commence the regulatory process to obtain the necessary approvals to allow for the development of a Uranium Mine and Mill with the submission of application information for required permits and licences, along with the Kiggavik Project Proposal on **November 14<sup>th</sup>**, **2008**.

The Kiggavik Project is located in the Kivillaq Region of Nunavut, approximately 80 km west of the Baker Lake community. The Project is two joint ventures among JCU (Canada) Exploration Company, Limited and DAEWOO International Corporation and is operated by AREVA.

AREVA anticipates that the submission of applications to the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") for a Type 'A' water licence, to Indian Northern Affairs Canada ("INAC") for a Class 'A' Land Use Permit, to the Kivalliq Inuit Association ("KIA") for a Land Use Licence and to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission ("CNSC") for a Licence to Prepare and Construct a Uranium Mine and Mill will require screening by the NIRB, upon receiving a conformity decision by the Nunavut Planning Commission ("NPC"), in accordance to the Keewatin Land Use Plan.

Further, AREVA anticipates that the results of this screening will be a determination that the Kiggavik Project has significant impact potential and therefore the NIRB will recommend to the Minister that a Review in accordance with Article 12 of the *Nunavut Lands Claim Agreement* be conducted. Therefore, the Project Proposal for the Kiggavik Project will be submitted concurrently with the



application information. The Project Proposal provides the information required in accordance with NIRB's PSIR for mining, which we trust will be sufficient to begin the impact assessment process.

We trust that this is an acceptable approach to the application and submission process. Please advice of any comments or concerns.

For comments, questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact myself or Diane Martens (main contact managing the review process correspondence) at <a href="mainto:diane.martens@areva.ca">diane.martens@areva.ca</a> and (306) 343 4042.

Yours truly,

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