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**Nunavut Impact Review Board**  
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Dear Leslie,

**Re: 09MN003, AREVA Resources Canada Inc. – Kiggavik Project**

Thank you for your letter dated January 20, 2009 regarding the above project proposal screening and request for comments by February 10, 2009.

The Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) and Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated (NTI) have reviewed the project proposal and we feel that the proposal is sufficiently developed to permit proper screening.

We would like to take this opportunity to submit to the Nunavut Impact Review Board a Policy Concerning Uranium Mining in Nunavut and Background Paper that were approved and adopted by the KIA and NTI Board of Directors in 2007. In accordance with the policy, KIA and NTI will support uranium exploration and mining in Nunavut if these activities are carried out in accordance with the objectives and policy statements set out in this policy, KIA and NTI's other policies, and all regulatory requirements.

The project proposal has significant impact potential, and therefore the KIA and NTI recommend that the Nunavut Impact Review Board indicate to the Minister in writing that the proposal requires review under Part 5 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

We feel that a Part 5 review is required as the project may have significant adverse effects on the ecosystem, wildlife habitat or Inuit harvesting activities. The project may have significant adverse socio-economic effects on northerners. And the project will cause significant public concern.

We look forward to working with NIRB, Areva and others in reviewing the Kiggavik Project.

Sincerely,

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**Kivalliq Inuit Association**

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