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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please forward this letter on to Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq, Chair of NIRB

Please confirm via email that you have successfully received all the documentation that our office sent by fax.

Robert Seeteenak

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Hamlet of Baker Lake



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May 6, 2010

Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq Chairman Nunavut Impact Review Board c/o Environmental Administration P.O. Box 1360 Cambridge Bay, Nunavut X0B 0C0

Dear Mr. Arragutainag:

The Hamlet of Baker Lake residents of our community will be impacted more than any other groups or individuals by Areva's uranium development. It has recently come to our attention that the deadline has come and gone for our submission to NIRB for intervener funding.

This is not a letter criticizing NIRB, rather we acknowledge that our lack of community capacity has put us in a precarious situation, potentially leaving us out of this process. We acknowledge that we did receive emailed information on two separate occasions from NIRB and that it was because of our own inability to respond that has put us in this position. This letter is a request for you to intercede on our behalf to submit a request for funding after your deadline has passed.

The Areva project review will be a three or four-year process which we may be left out of. We have recently increased capacity at the Hamlet level which will assist us in responding to such requests. This community has never before applied for intervener or participant funding as we had no idea that we could. This was only brought to our attention over the past week.

The Hamlet believes that its participation as an intervener will ensure that community concerns and values are taken into consideration during the Part 5 Review process. We will provide interested community members and organizations with a fair opportunity to contribute to the planning of the Areva project as it will impact them. Our participation will allow the project's proponents as well as regulatory and review agencies to better understand and address public concerns and priorities. We trust our input will contribute to improving overall project planning, reducing the potential for adverse effects by identifying Inuit traditional knowledge and Inuit Qaujimaningit (including local contemporary knowledge) and how it may be applied in the assessment of the project. Through the Hamlet's contribution as an intervener, it will build greater public trust in the Part 5 Review processes and in the decisions that result from these processes. Participant funding is an important tool for promoting these benefits.

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We will ensure that our participation in this process is unbiased and community focused. We will involve the whole community to address all of the concerns raised by all interested and involved public, who will be directly impacted by the project. We would like to be able to review and prepare for the next phases of this project, but none of that will happen if we are left out of the process.

The Hamlet of Baker Lake requests your support in assisting us by contacting Minister Strahl to request participant funding and to consider this request with the full understanding that the deadline has passed. Should you require further information about this request or about Baker Lake's community initiative and our community plans for the future, I can be reached at the Hamlet Office, (867) 793-2874 or by email at blmayor@netkaster.ca

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Respectfully,

David Aksawnee

Mayor

Hamlet of Baker Lake