



NIRB File No. 09MN003

May 7, 2010

Honourable Chuck Strahl  
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
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Gatineau, QC

Sent via email: [strahl.c@parl.gc.ca](mailto:strahl.c@parl.gc.ca)

**Re: Extension to deadline for participant funding applications for the NIRB's review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc's "Kiggavik" Project**

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Dear Honourable Chuck Strahl:

On April 23, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) forwarded applications to your attention regarding participant funding requests for the NIRB's review of AREVA Resources Canada's "Kiggavik" project (NIRB File No. 09MN003). The purpose of our previous correspondence was to inform the Minister and his representatives of the total funding requested, as well as to provide advice for consideration and an update regarding the implementation of the Minister's direction to the NIRB for this review. In its letter to the Minister the Board also highlighted its expectation that, as the review process continues to progress, increased public awareness may result in additional parties requesting financial assistance to facilitate their full participation.

Recognizing the Minister's direction for the Board to "...conduct its review of the Proposal in a manner that will facilitate thorough public consultation", on April 25, 2010 the NIRB commenced public scoping meetings in the seven communities of the Kivalliq Region; these meetings are scheduled to conclude on May 10, 2010. As a result of the community meetings that have taken place to date, public awareness of the Board's review has, as predicted, increased. Reflecting the increased public awareness of the Proposal, the NIRB has already received indications that additional parties are now interested in applying for participant funding to facilitate their participation in the review of this project. To ensure procedural fairness, the NIRB believes it is necessary to allow additional time for parties to prepare and submit participant funding applications for the Minister's consideration.

Accordingly, the Board is extending the deadline for the submission of participant funding applications for this review to **June 1, 2010**. The NIRB will advise all parties which have previously submitted applications that these can either be revised and resubmitted for consideration, or the parties' existing applications can stand for consideration as they were originally submitted. The Board respectfully recommends that the independent funding review

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committee postpone its consideration of participant funding applications until the NIRB forwards a final application package following the June 1 deadline.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucassie Arragutainaq', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lucassie Arragutainaq  
Chairperson

cc: INAC Representatives  
Kiggavik Distribution List