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Sent by email (info@nirb.ca; rbarry@nirb.ca; sgranchinho@nirb.ca)

Re: Intervenor Funding for the Environmental Assessment Review of the Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project Proposal.

Dear Mr. Barry,

The Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) appreciates the opportunity to submit the attached Participant Funding application and budget in support of our meaningful involvement in the review of the Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project Proposal (Project).

The Project is located only 80-km west of Baker Lake, and represents a historic development proposal for the region, which may have significant adverse impacts on the land, wildlife and our traditional way of life. This is of great concern to our Hunters and Trappers.

As you know, the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be a voluminous document and the review process will be demanding. The level of information and assessment that will be required goes far beyond the HTO's usual activities and budget allocation. With this in mind, the HTO will require resources to seek assistance in evaluating the project description, impact predictions and technical reports.

Intervener funding is particularly important to the HTO because it is directly affected by the project and can provide unique and important perspectives to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), and other parties, in the area of key land and wildlife impacts. The HTO would also like to highlight the importance of its role given the current issues facing caribou populations in the North. Caribou are thought to have declined significantly over the past couple of decades. The HTO must have an opportunity to review the Proponent's information and provide its own input to NIRB. It's important to highlight that only the HTO can provide an on-the-land perspective and the HTO's concerns and mandate are **not** covered by any other intervenor that may have an interest in the Project.

The HTO believes its interests have been underrepresented in past project reviews and we are interested in working cooperatively to ensure our contribution is improved during this review process. We trust that NIRB will afford the HTO an opportunity, through the intervener funding program, to organize, hire advisors to support our case, to question the Proponent, to present evidence and argue our case, and to be heard in front of the NIRB Board.

As previously mentioned, the HTO has access to only limited funding for day-to-day operations and Board responsibilities. Without financial assistance available through the intervenor funding program we will not be able to participate meaningfully in NIRB's review process, from scoping to the final public hearing.

The HTO shares the concerns raised by Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit regarding the need to award funding prior to any formal scoping process. However, we are encouraged by NIRB's commitment in its response to Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit dated March 30, 2010:

> the Board will ensure that participant funding has been awarded by the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada prior to inviting formal comment on the scope of the project and the assessment.

Finally, the HTO would like to highlight some difficulty, at this time, with anticipating total costs for the full review process, which may take a couple years to complete. There are numerous unknowns concerning information requirements, scheduling of meetings and the like. Therefore, the HTO respectfully asks that NIRB consider a participant funding re-evaluation opportunity at the time of the Pre-Hearing Conference. This will ensure that funding recipients are positioned to carry-on with the review process following the submission of a final EIS.

Please see the attached application and budget for the Baker Lake HTO's participation. The HTO looks forward to participating in NIRB's review process. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

(*Original signed by*)

Richard Aksawnee
Chairman

Attachment: Intervenor funding budget

PARTICIPANT FUNDING APPLICATION FORM

NIRB Use Only
Date Received: _____
File Number: _____

Participant Funding: Application for Funding

Please refer to "How to Complete Your Application Form" of the guide entitled "Participant Funding" when completing this application.

Step 1: Applicant Information

Name and location of project:

Kiggavik Uranium Mine Project.

Please specify which phases and steps of the Review you intend to participate in:

- Scoping;
- EIS Guidelines Review;
- Draft EIS Review;
- Technical Meeting;
- Pre-hearing conference;
- Final EIS Review;
- Public Hearing;
- Any other meetings scheduled;

Name of applicant (individual or organization):

Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization

Web site address:

N/A

Legal name of applicant (if different):

Same

Mailing address:

Baker Lake Hunters and Trappers Organization
P.O. Box 255

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City / Town:

Baker Lake

Province:

Nunavut

Postal Code:

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867-793-2520, 867-793-2034

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If the application is for an individual or a law firm, indicate on whose behalf you are submitting this application.

Applying on behalf of him/herself or law firm: N/A

Applying on behalf of an unincorporated entity: N/A

Name of unincorporated entity:

(Note: Applications will not be accepted from unincorporated entities in their own name.)

Name and title of contact person for corporation/ organization/ group/ association:
If you represent an entity (incorporated or otherwise) supporting documentation, endorsing you as the entity's representation must be attached to this application.

Language of correspondence
English ✓
French____
Telephone number (if different):
Fax number (if different):
Is your organization incorporated? Yes____ No _____
Federal No.: ____ Provincial No.: ____
Business number (Canada Customs and Revenue Agency):
The HTO is registered as 'Baker Lake Hunters' & Trappers' Association'
and the file # is SOC218

GST/HST rebate number: _____
GST/HST rebate %: _____

Have you applied or will be applying for funds from other sources to participate in the review process? No ✓ Yes____

If yes, please specify how much and the source.

N/A

Describe your or your organization's major goals and mandate.

The HTO promotes and oversees Inuit harvesting activities for the Hamlet. In doing so our function is the regulation of harvesting practices and techniques among members, including the use of non-quota limitations, the allocation and enforcement of community basic needs levels and adjusted basic needs levels among members, the assignment to non-members, with or without valuable consideration and conditions, of any portion of community basic needs levels and adjusted basic needs levels, and generally, the management of harvesting among members.

Describe your interest in the Review.

The HTO's interest for participating in the review is to ensure that the Project does not impact the hunting and trapping activities of our membership and affect the ability of Baker Lake to meet basic needs harvesting levels, which are already threatened. The HTO appreciates the importance of the NIRB process as a project planning and approval process. The HTO is interested in providing advice on existing conditions and potential impacts. In addition, the HTO wishes to provide its on-the-land experience to the Board and parties during the decision-making process.

Step 2: Description of Proposed Activities

Describe your proposed contribution to the Review, including:

- the objectives of your participation;

The HTO's objective is to work cooperatively with NIRB and parties to ensure that the concerns of our membership are addressed and to eliminate environmental impacts. The HTO believes that the on-the-land experience of hunters and trappers specific to the project area is essential to understanding potential impacts.

- your proposed activities for which you are seeking funding; and

The HTO is seeking funds in order to organize its membership for meetings pertaining to the review of the project and to travel to meeting where required. This will give all parties access to the knowledge held by hunters and trappers. The HTO requires funds to contract advisors to review and provide advice on procedural issues, the impact assessment and technical information contained in the draft and final Environmental Impact Statement. The HTO does not have the resources to do so on its own. The technical review will allow the HTO to gain an

understanding of the information presented by the proponent in order for the HTO to formulate its own findings and present them at technical meetings, pre-hearing and the final hearing.

- how these proposed objectives and activities may contribute to the review's understanding of the anticipated effects of the project.

Through an understanding of the technical content and information submitted by the proponent, the HTO will be able to formulate its own findings and present them to NIRB. The HTO's review and participation will provide decision-makers and interested persons with a view point unlike other parties – a view point based on experience from years spent on the land observing wildlife behaviour and dynamics. This knowledge will make a significant contribution to understanding the ecosystem and any anticipated effects of the project.

Identify your capacity to carry out the proposed activities.
(Describe relevant experience, expertise and skills you or your organization have that will help you to carry out your proposed activities.)

The HTO has years of on the land experience related to wildlife, climate, land use and local knowledge of the project area. The HTO does not have the resources and experience to navigate the process and undertake a technical evaluation of the information submitted by the proponent. In order to gain a full understanding of potential impacts suggested by the proponent, to protect HTO interests, and to question the proponent at technical meetings and the hearing, the HTO requires funds to contract advisors to provide technical support during the review and hearing. Based in the technical support the HTO will be much better able to provide NIRB and parties with its own evaluation based on years of experience.

Describe why you believe your participation will bring an important and distinct perspective to the Review.

No other party represents the specific and traditional interests and experience of our Hunters and Trappers who rely on the land-based resources potentially affected by the project.

Have you or your organization made an effort to cooperate with other individuals or organizations in preparing a funding application?

No ✓ The HTO has a unique perspective and interest in the Project. However, the HTO plans to cooperate with other parties wishing to undertake investigations in areas of interest to the HTO, including IQ. This includes, but is not limited to, research that may be proposed by Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit and the BQCMB.

Yes ____

If yes, please specify name of individual / organization

How are the proposed activities incremental to your ongoing business?

The HTO is currently under funded and under staffed. Current funding supports day-to-day operations and without intervener funding for important reviews of major development projects the HTO will be unable to participate in a meaningful way.

Step 3: Funding Requested

Please summarize your request for funding of eligible expenses, using the following table (see part 2 of the guide entitled *Participant Funding* for information on each expense category):

Priority Expense Category	**Funding Requested**	
Local collection / distribution of information	$0	(low)
Professional fees (excluding legal fees)	$116,000	(high)
Travel expenses	$33,000	(high)
Office supplies	$1,000	(low)
Rental of office space / meeting rooms	$2,000	(medium)
Staff salaries	$10,000	(high)
Legal fees	$25,000	(high)
General media advertising / promotion	$1,000	(medium)
Purchase of information material	$0	(low)
Other (specify)	$0	(low)
TOTAL funding requested	**$188,000**	

With respect to each expense, please provide additional information to support your request. Use additional sheets if needed.

Local collection / distribution of information:

$0.00. The HTO anticipates the information pertaining to the project will be distributed freely by the proponent and NIRB.

Professional fees (excluding legal fees):

The HTO anticipates requiring one primary advisor to support our intervention and two additional specialists to review and provide an independent assessment of topics of concern in the EIS. Specialists will be required in the areas of wildlife science & ecology, human health & ecological risk, and potentially an IQ coordinator to analyze how our views are considered and incorporated.

HTO organizational & advisory pre-scoping meeting and scoping support

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
12	$1000	$12,000.00

EIS Guidelines review

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
8	$1000	$8,000.00

Research/Workshop support

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
10	$1000	$10,000.00

DEIS Review/Report & presentation preparation

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
45	$1000	$45,000.00

Technical Meeting/PHC Support

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
10	$1000	$10,000.00

FEIS/Supplemental information review/report & presentation preparation

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
20	$1000	20,000.00

Public Hearing Support

Days	Average daily rate	Cost
10	$1000	10,000.00

Translation Services

Pages	rate/page	Cost
20	$50	1000.00

Total **116,000**

Travel expenses:

Representatives from the HTO and advisors will attend the technical meeting/pre-hearing conference and the final hearing. The HTO has assumed that the technical meeting and hearings will take place in Baker Lake. Consultants and advisors will be required to travel to Baker Lake.

Preliminary Organizational Meeting with Advisors in Baker Lake

Travel:	2000.00
Accommodations:	2000.00
Per diems:	500.00

Workshops

Travel:	2000.00
Accommodations:	2000.00
Per diems:	500.00

Technical meeting and PHC

Travel:	6000.00 (up to three advisors)
Accommodations:	4000.00
Per diems:	2000.00

Final hearing

Travel:	6000.00 (up to three advisors)
Accommodations:	4000.00

Per diems: 2000.00

Total **33,000**

Office supplies:

1000.00. Paper, printer ink and meeting materials for HTO meetings related to the Project

Rental of office space / meeting rooms:

2000.00. The HTO intends to hold meetings with its membership. The HTO will require renting venues for that purpose. Venues can range from $500 to $1000 per rental. 2 to 3 meetings are anticipated to be required.

Staff salaries:

10,000. The HTO is required to pay its Board members for additional meeting time required to review the Project and prepare for meetings. The HTO has eight board members including three executive members: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson and Secretary Treasurer, and five directors. Board Member Meeting costs are $830/day. A minimum of 12 meeting is projected.

Legal fees:

The NIRB's environmental assessment process is a public legal process. According to Section 12.12.5 of the NLCA, decisions made regarding the Project must be designed, implemented and interpreted in a manner consistent with Article 5 and 7. Given that the HTO has responsibilities set out in Article 5, the HTO may have to seek legal counsel for specific issues should they arise, in order to provide accurate input to NIRB. As a result, the HTO has included a $25,000.00 contingency for that purpose. This is calculated based on a daily rate $1500 for approximately 16 days of service.

General media advertising / promotion:

1000.00. The HTO will require advertising to promote the meetings it intends to have with its membership during the review process. The funds will be used to advertise on the co-op television station and print flyers to circulate in the community.

Purchase of information material:

N/A

Other:

N/A

How did you hear about the Participant Funding Program for the Review?

NIRB	✓
Federal government	____
Territorial government	____
Newspaper	____
Email to your organization	____
Word of mouth	____
Other: please specify	_____

Participant Funding Program

Application for Funding: Certification Form

Certification and Consent:

I/we hereby certify that the information I/we have provided in this application is accurate to the best of my/our knowledge. In the event that a participant funding award is to be made based on this application, I/we agree that no funding will be payable unless I/we sign the INAC standard Contribution Agreement.

I/we hereby consent to the NIRB providing a copy of this Application Form and of the aforementioned Contribution Agreement (once signed by me/us and by INAC) to any person that the NIRB deems appropriate in the circumstances. I/we further consent to the NIRB making copies of any written submissions during the Review process, by me/us or by the corporation, organization, group or association that I/we represent and to use those copies for purposes related to the Review. The information collected will be subject to the *Access to Information Act*.

Richard Aksawnee
Name

Chairman
Title

Authorized signature

April 12, 2010
Date