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Sent via email: margaux.brisco@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: Participant Funding Update

Dear Margaux Brisco:

Thank you for your letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) dated September 8, 2010 (enclosed) in which you provided an update regarding the progress made towards finalizing participant funding contribution agreements for the NIRB's review of AREVA Resources Canada's Inc.'s "Kiggavik" project proposal. The NIRB understands that this funding is contingent on each party entering into a contribution agreement with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and that the interveners which have been allocated funding have been working with INAC to finalize their respective agreements since funding awards were announced in early August, 2010.

In order to ensure meaningful participation of all parties, the Board has previously committed to await the finalization of contribution agreements before proceeding further with the review process. Based on the update you have provided, once the required information has been supplied by parties, approximately three weeks will be needed to finalize contribution agreements and ensure funds are accessible for use. Given that more than four weeks have now passed since the announcement of participant funding awards and several parties have yet to supply INAC with the information required to finalize these agreements, the NIRB has a concern regarding the resulting effect on the timeline for the public review of the Kiggavik project.

It is incumbent upon the NIRB to ensure its reviews are conducted in such a way as to promote effective and meaningful public participation, as well as to enable the efficient and timely review of proposed development projects. While the Board believes it is reasonable to delay further public review in order to provide opportunity for contribution agreements to be finalized, it would be unreasonable to permit an indefinite delay to occur without appropriate justification. Therefore, by copy of this letter the NIRB urges those interveners who have yet to supply the information required by INAC to finalize their respective contribution agreements to do so in a

timely fashion, as the NIRB cannot justify delaying re-commencement of the review process indefinitely.

The NIRB appreciates the efforts of INAC and all parties to ensure that the public review of the proposed Kiggavik project continues to be as comprehensive and efficient as possible. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4607 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: INAC Letter to NIRB Re Participant Funding Update (September 8, 2010)