



NIRB File No. 09MN003

November 15, 2010

To: Kiggavik Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Revised Draft Scope and Draft Guidelines for the AREVA Resources Canada Inc's Preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement for the "Kiggavik" Project

Dear Parties:

Pursuant to Section 12.5.2¹ of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is now soliciting public comments on the attached *Draft* project-specific guidelines for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (the Proponent) for the "Kiggavik" project. In addition, the NIRB is also soliciting public comments on the attached *Revised Draft Scope* for the assessment of the Kiggavik project.

In order to delineate the scope of the project and the factors to be assessed in the review of the Kiggavik project, the NIRB conducted public scoping meetings from April 25 to May 10, 2010 in seven communities which were determined by the Board to be potentially impacted by the Project. A detailed summary report was prepared following the meetings, entitled *Public Scoping Meetings Summary Report, April 25 – May 10, 2010 for the NIRB's Review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc's Kiggavik Project* and is available on the NIRB's ftp site at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/04-SCOPING%20%26%20GUIDELINES/01-SCOPING/04-SCOPING%20REPORT/>

The comments and concerns raised during these public scoping meetings were used to revise the *Draft Scoping List* (issued to parties for review on March 12, 2010) and were incorporated into the NIRB's *Draft EIS Guidelines* for the Kiggavik Project.

¹ "When a project proposal has been referred to NIRB by the Minister for review, NIRB shall, upon soliciting any advice it considers appropriate, issue guidelines to the proponent for the preparation of an impact statement. It is the responsibility of the proponent to prepare an impact statement in accordance with any guidelines established by NIRB..." – from Section 12.5.2 of the NLCA

The NIRB invites all parties to review the attached *Revised Draft Scope* and *Draft EIS Guidelines*, and provide comments to the Board based on their area of expertise and/or mandate, on or before **12 pm MST, January 24, 2011**.

All parties are asked to ensure that their comments identify the issue(s) of concern, include a clear rationale of the issue's importance to the environmental assessment of the project and identify any items that should be included that is associated with the issue of concern. Parties are asked to reference the page, section, paragraph and item numbers of the *Draft EIS Guidelines* where relevant. Parties are also asked to focus their comments on Part II (Sections 4 through 9) of the *Draft EIS Guidelines*.

Comments received by parties will be taken into account during the NIRB's revision of the *Draft EIS Guidelines* and the finalization of the Scope. Please forward all comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the NIRB's review of the project, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 983-4607.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: *Revised Draft Scope List* for the NIRB's Assessment of the AREVA Kiggavik Project (English and Inuktitut), November 2010
Draft Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for AREVA Resources Canada Inc's Kiggavik Project, November 2010

