



NIRB File No. 09MN003

February 9, 2011

To: Kiggavik Distribution List

Sent via email

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

Dear Parties:

On November 15, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) distributed a request for public comments and advice on the *Revised Draft* Scope for the assessment of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (the Proponent) "Kiggavik" project and on the *Draft* project-specific guidelines for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) by the Proponent for the "Kiggavik" project. Comment submissions were received by the NIRB on or before January 25, 2011 and have now been incorporated into these documents where appropriate. A table has been provided with the enclosed *Revised Draft* EIS Guidelines as a reference to how and where comments were addressed in the documents.

It is the NIRB's intention that the EIS Guidelines will provide comprehensive instruction to the Proponent for its preparation of an EIS which addresses the information requirements of the NIRB and the public to allow for a thorough impact assessment of the proposed project. The NIRB asks that interested parties and responsible authorities review the enclosed *Revised Draft* EIS Guidelines and provide comments to the Board based on their area of expertise and/or mandate on or before **Wednesday, March 2, 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 *Revised Draft* EIS Guidelines where relevant.

As previously indicated, the NIRB will be hosting an EIS Guidelines development workshop in Baker Lake prior to finalizing and issuing the project-specific guidelines for this proposed project. The Guidelines development workshop will be held on March 23rd and 24th, 2011 and will allow for discussion of outstanding issues requiring revision for this document. Prior to the workshop, a draft agenda will be circulated to parties with details on the structure and format of the meetings.

Finally, the NIRB would like to recognize that there were some issues raised by parties in their most recent comment submissions to the Board which are important to the review process but were not directly related to the EIS Guidelines and therefore were not incorporated into the document. Further correspondence will be issued in the coming weeks to address these issues and concerns to the degree possible.

Once again, all comments on the *Revised Draft* EIS Guidelines should be submitted directly to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at (867) 983-2594, on or before **March 2, 2011**.

If you have any questions or require clarification on any aspect of the NIRB's review of the Kiggavik project, please contact me directly at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 793-4633.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: *Revised Draft* Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for AREVA Resources Canada Inc's Kiggavik Project and Comment Table, February 2011

Final Scope List for the NIRB's Assessment of the AREVA Kiggavik Project (English and Inuktitut), February 2011

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