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*Sent via email*

**Re: Logistical Information for the upcoming NIRB Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference related to the NIRB's Review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s Kiggavik project**

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Dear Parties:

On or before April 8, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received technical review comment submissions from interested parties based on parties' review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA or Proponent) *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Kiggavik project (NIRB File No. 09MN003). The Board has forwarded all technical comments received to the Proponent under a separate cover earlier today. All technical review comment submissions received by the Board can be accessed online at the NIRB's public registry using the following link:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/07-IRS%20%26%20TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/04-TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/.](http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/07-IRS%20%26%20TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/04-TECHNICAL%20REVIEW/)

As indicated to parties in correspondence dated February 27, 2013, the NIRB has scheduled a Technical Meeting in Rankin Inlet and a Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) in Baker Lake for the Review of the Kiggavik project proposal as follows:

**May 28-31, 2013:** Technical Meeting in **Rankin Inlet** at the Siniktarvik Hotel and Conference Centre.

**June 4-6, 2013:** Community roundtable and PHC in **Baker Lake** at the Community Recreation Centre.

### **Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference**

The NIRB will hold a technical meeting involving discussions on technical matters related to the DEIS. The technical meeting will be kept as informal as possible in an effort to resolve technical issues prior to the PHC. As such, this meeting will be facilitated by the NIRB staff, with participation by the Proponent, responsible authorities and interested parties. Break-out sessions may be used with discussions in each break out group (e.g., may be related to engineering, wildlife or socioeconomic issues) facilitated by a NIRB staff member. During the technical meeting, the NIRB staff will compile a list of commitments made by the Proponent regarding required revisions and updates to its pending *Final* Environmental Impact Statement submission. The list of commitments is then carried forward to the PHC for consideration by the Board.

Following the technical meeting, the NIRB will hold a PHC to discuss such matters as: timelines for submissions and the Final Hearing, future meetings, evidence, document exchange, Final Hearing venue(s), Final Hearing format and any other matters related to the logistics of the Final Hearing. The PHC and associated community roundtable session provides an opportunity for parties to present to the Board on the issues that were resolved during the technical meeting, and those issues which remain outstanding. It is also an opportunity for the Board to hear from the public regarding the quality of information contained in the DEIS. While the technical meeting is a structured but largely informal opportunity for technical experts to resolve outstanding issues, participation in the PHC is somewhat more formalized.

The Board will facilitate a Community Roundtable session in Baker Lake in conjunction with the PHC and with representation from communities identified as potentially impacted by the proposed project in order to provide an opportunity for meaningful participation in the Board's Review. Following the PHC, the Board will issue a PHC decision which will provide direction to the Proponent for its preparation of a Final EIS and which outlines the procedures for the review of the Final EIS and the Final Hearing.

Further details on the arrangements to be made for the Technical Meeting along with a draft agenda will be circulated by the NIRB once AREVA provides its technical review response. Parties will be provided with an opportunity to comment on the ordering of discussion items prior to finalizing the agenda.

### **Hotel Accommodations**

A block of hotel accommodations are currently being held by the NIRB in Rankin Inlet and Baker Lake to facilitate participation by responsible authorities, agencies, and organizations which will be in attendance at the Technical Meeting and Pre-Hearing Conference in order to present to the Board on any issues related to the technical review of the DEIS. Twenty beds (20) are currently being held in Rankin Inlet and thirteen (13) beds are being held in Baker Lake by the NIRB and are now being made available to planned meeting participants upon request.

Given that the availability of hotel beds in both of these communities may be limited, the NIRB will do its best to distribute available hotel beds amongst parties as evenly as possible. Parties are hereby requested to notify the NIRB regarding their interest in securing hotel beds in Rankin Inlet and/or Baker Lake as soon as possible. Requests should be forwarded to the undersigned at [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca) or to Jaswir Dhillon at [jdhillon@nirb.ca](mailto:jdhillon@nirb.ca). Reservations for individual hotel

beds will be transferred from the NIRB to the planned attendee, who will be responsible for providing the hotel with a credit card to confirm the reservation and assume associated costs. The NIRB will release any remaining unrequested hotel beds from our group reservation by **5:00 pm Friday, April 19, 2013**.

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to the NIRB's Review process, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned directly at (867) 793-4633 or [sgranchinho@nirb.ca](mailto:sgranchinho@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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