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Kiggavik Distribution List

Sent via email

Re: Agendas for the upcoming Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference for the NIRB's Review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s 'Kiggavik' project

Dear Parties:

On May 13, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) provided information on the upcoming Technical Meeting, Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference as part of the Board's Review of AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s (AREVA or Proponent) proposed Kiggavik project (NIRB File No. 09MN003). The NIRB requested that interested parties review the *draft* agenda for the Technical Meeting and provide input regarding the scheduling of agenda topics as may be required, by May 21, 2013. The NIRB would like to thank all parties for their input and comments. Based upon the input received, the NIRB has finalized the Technical Meeting agenda as attached in Appendix A. Parties should note that the agenda is a working document, and is meant to guide the discussions during the Technical Meeting. As such, it is subject to change as the meeting progresses. Please note that translated copies of the agenda will be provided at the Technical Meeting.

In advance of the Community Roundtable and Pre-Hearing Conference (PHC) scheduled to take place June 4-6, 2013 in Baker Lake, the NIRB is also providing the agenda for these upcoming sessions (see Appendix B). The scheduled Community Roundtable and PHC meetings are an important milestone in the Review process, providing an opportunity for the Board to hear from interveners, the Proponent and the public regarding the issues that have been identified during the technical review of the *Draft* Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), including those which have been adequately addressed and those which remain outstanding. The NIRB generally conducts a PHC to identify and limit the issues of divergence among parties to the Review, and to promote the efficient use of time at the Final Hearing. The PHC will also serve as an

opportunity to discuss the final phase of the Review process, including timing of the Final EIS submission and scheduling of a Final Hearing.

Pre-Hearing Conference Logistics

Simultaneous English/Inuktitut interpretation will be supplied throughout the Community Roundtable and PHC, and the Board requests that parties ensure all presentations and related materials are made available in both English and Inuktitut (approx. 120 English, 80 Inuktitut copies). Any persons requiring specialized audio/visual equipment or specific logistical arrangements during the Community Roundtable and PHC are asked to advise the NIRB by May 29, 2013. Due to space limitations, parties will be limited to 2 seats for representatives at the table during the PHC.

Light catering will be provided during scheduled meeting times, with participants responsible for obtaining their own meals during meal breaks each day. Both the Community Roundtable and the PHC will be kept as informal as possible and, as with all NIRB proceedings, Elders will be allowed to speak at any time.

Community Roundtable Presentations

The NIRB requests that AREVA provide a brief overview presentation on the Kiggavik Project and the conclusions of the DEIS for the benefit of public participants at the beginning of the community roundtable session. This presentation should aim to assist parties in understanding how public comments and concerns have been addressed by AREVA and how the environmental assessment has helped to inform the project design. Approximately one hour will be provided for this presentation, with additional time allotted for questions from the roundtable participants.

Pre-Hearing Conference Presentations

The NIRB requests that AREVA prepare a PHC presentation which outlines its response to technical review comments, identifies issues which have been addressed through commitments made at or following the Technical Meeting (commitment list will be provided after the Technical Meeting) and which makes specific note of any outstanding or unresolved issues. Approximately one hour will be provided for this presentation, followed by an opportunity for parties to question the Proponent on its commitments, identified issues and other related items. It is recommended that this presentation follow a similar thematic approach as that set out in the DEIS and the Technical Meeting agenda.

All responsible authorities and parties planning to attend the Community Roundtable and PHC as intervenors are asked to prepare a brief presentation which provides an overview of their technical review comment submissions, including their respective positions on the key issues of the project proposal before the Board and the outstanding technical issues to be addressed through the remainder of the Review process. Parties are also asked to be prepared to provide recommendations for the listed agenda items to facilitate the hearing process. Presentations must be available in English and Inuktitut for the benefit of all attendees.

During the PHC, a time limit of 20 minutes for each presenting party will be enforced by the NIRB; presentations and questioning should be prepared with these limits in mind. If presenting parties seek to collaborate and combine presentations, additional time can be allocated to allow for these combined comments.

The NIRB requests that all parties provide the following materials in support of the Community Roundtable and PHC¹:

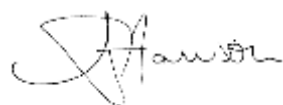
- At least 120 hardcopies of all presentations for the Board, interveners and the public; and
- Digital copy of presentation(s) in Microsoft PowerPoint format for the NIRB to display via a laptop computer and projector during the meetings (presentations should be named according to meeting and agency, e.g. Environment Canada_PHC, AREVA_Roundtable, etc.).

Next Steps

As a reminder to AREVA and all parties, the NIRB has budgeted time at the beginning of the Technical Meeting for AREVA to present its response to parties' technical review comments and asks that this overview focus upon outstanding items requiring resolution. Where draft commitments or other responses provided by AREVA do not satisfy parties' concerns, this should be raised by individual parties during the appropriate agenda section. The Board again requests that AREVA provide 50 printed copies of its presentation for the Technical Meeting, and that 25 copies of the Inuktitut version of the covering letter to its technical comments response package also be provided.

If you have any questions or require further clarification related to the NIRB's Review process or the upcoming Technical Meeting or PHC, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Senior Technical Advisor, at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or (867) 793-4633.

Sincerely,



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Director, Technical Services
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Tammy Van Lambalgen, AREVA Resources Canada Inc.
Diane Martens, AREVA Resources Canada Inc.

Attachments: Appendix A: *Revised* Technical Meeting Agenda for the Kiggavik Project proposal
Appendix B: *Draft* Pre-Hearing Conference Agenda for the Kiggavik Project proposal

¹ Printed and electronic copies may be dropped off to the NIRB's attention at the Baker Lake Community Hall on Monday June 3, 2013 between 6-7 p.m. or on Tuesday June 4, 2013 before 8:45 a.m.

APPENDIX A
REVISED TECHNICAL MEETING AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 09MN003 – Kiggavik Project Proposal
Proponent: AREVA Resources Canada Inc.
Moderator: Ryan Barry, NIRB Executive Director
Location: Siniktarvik Hotel, Rankin Inlet, NU
Dates: May 28 – 31, 2013
Times: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (*additional 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm evening sessions to be held if required*)

Tuesday, May 28, 2013 – Day 1

9:00 – 9:30 am NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks
 ▪ Objectives of Technical Meeting
 ▪ Introduction of Participants
 ▪ Housekeeping Items
 ▪ Overview of Agenda

9:30 – 10:30 am AREVA's Presentation: Overview of the Kiggavik Project and AREVA's Integrated Management System

10:30 – 10:45 am Health Break

10:45 – 12:00 pm AREVA's Presentation: Response to Technical Review Comments and

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

1:00 – 3:00 pm DEIS Organization & Project Description including Alternatives Assessment, Geology, Geotechnical Information and Waste Management

3:00 – 3:15 pm Health Break

3:15 – 4:45 pm Project Description including Alternatives Assessment, Geology, Geotechnical Information and Waste Management – *continued*

4:45 – 5:00 pm Afternoon Session Wrap-up

6:30 – 9:00 pm Potential Evening Session – continue with agenda as needed

Wednesday, May 29, 2013 – Day 2

9:00 – 9:30 am NIRB Opening Remarks
 ▪ Day 1 Recap and Overview of Commitment List

9:30 – 10:30 am Atmospheric Environment including Climate, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration

10:30 – 10:45 am Health Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Atmospheric Environment including Climate, Air Quality, Noise and Vibration – *continued*

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

1:00 – 3:00 pm Aquatic Environment including Water Management, Freshwater Environment, Hydrology, Hydrogeology & Mine Rock Characterization

3:00 – 3:15 pm Health Break

3:15 – 4:30 pm Aquatic Environment including Water Management, Freshwater Environment, Hydrology, Hydrogeology & Mine Rock Characterization – *continued*

4:30 – 5:00 pm Afternoon Session Wrap-up

6:30 – 9:00 pm *Potential Evening Session – continue with agenda as needed*

Thursday, May 30, 2013 – Day 3

9:00 – 9:30 am NIRB Opening Remarks
 ▪ Day 2 Recap and Overview of Commitment List

9:30 – 10:30 am Terrestrial Environment including Wildlife, Migratory Birds, Species at Risk, and Vegetation

10:30 – 10:45 am Health Break

10:45 am – 12:00 pm Terrestrial Environment including Wildlife, Migratory Birds, Species at Risk, and Vegetation – *continued*

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

1:00 – 2:00 pm Terrestrial Environment including Wildlife, Migratory Birds, Species at Risk, and Vegetation – *continued*

2:00 – 3:00 pm Marine Environment & Marine Transportation

3:00 – 3:15 pm Health Break

3:15 – 4:45 pm Human Health and Risk Assessment

4:45 – 5:00 pm Afternoon Session Wrap-up

6:30 – 9:00 pm *Potential Evening Session – continue with agenda as needed*

Friday, May 31, 2013 – Day 4

9:00 – 9:30 am NIRB Opening Remarks
 ▪ Day 3 Recap and Overview of Commitment List

9:30 – 10:45 am Cumulative Effects Assessment

10:45 – 11:00am Health Break

11:00 am – 12:00 pm Public Engagement and Incorporation of Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit principles

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

1:00 – 3:00 pm Socio-Economic Environment and Assessment including Heritage Resources

3:00 – 3:15 pm Health Break

3:15 – 4:30 pm Accidents and Malfunctions

4:30 – 5:00 pm NIRB Closing Remarks and Next Steps
 ▪ Day 4 Recap and Overview of Commitments List

APPENDIX B
PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE AGENDA

NIRB File No.: 09MN003 – Kiggavik Project Proposal
Proponent: AREVA Resources Canada Inc.
Moderator: Elizabeth Copland, NIRB Chairperson
Location: Baker Lake Community Recreation Centre, Baker Lake, NU
Dates: June 4 – 6, 2013
Times: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (*additional 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm evening sessions to be held if required*)

Tuesday, June 4, 2013 – Community Roundtable – Day 1

Opening Prayer

Mayor of Baker Lake Opening Remarks

NIRB Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Housekeeping Items
- Overview of the NIRB process & status of review
- Objectives of Community Roundtable
- Overview of Agenda
- Introduction of Participants

AREVA's Presentation: Overview of Impact Assessment Conclusions and Engagement in NIRB Process

Health Break

Questions and Comments from the Community Representatives and Public

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

Questions and Comments from the Community Representatives and Public – *continued*

Health Break

Questions and Comments from the Community Representatives and Public – *continued*

NIRB Remarks: Day 1 Wrap-up

Wednesday, June 5 – Community Roundtable & Pre-Hearing Conference – Day 2

Opening Prayer

NIRB Opening Remarks

- Housekeeping Items
- Recap of Previous Day
- Overview of Agenda

Questions and Comments from the Community Representatives and Public – *continued*

Health Break

Closing Remarks

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

COMMENCEMENT OF PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE

NIRB Remarks

- Objectives of Pre-Hearing Conference
- Introduction of Participants
- Overview of Agenda for Pre-Hearing Conference
- Overview of Commitment List
- Housekeeping Items

AREVA Presentation – Proponent to present with a focus on technical review comments, commitments, outstanding issues and how these will be addressed moving forward

Health Break

Questioning of the Proponent

NIRB Remarks: Day 2 Wrap-up

Thursday, June 6 – Pre-Hearing Conference – Day 3

Opening Prayer

NIRB Opening Remarks

- Housekeeping Items
- Recap of Previous Day

Presentations by Parties – Parties to present on technical review comment submissions, identification of issues addressed through Proponent commitments, and outstanding issues which have yet to be addressed or resolved

Health Break

Presentation by Parties – *continued*

12:00 – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch on own

Questioning of Parties

Health Break

Facilitation of the hearing process – discussion to include:

- Anticipated date for submission of Final EIS
- Date, time and location of Final Hearing
- Timetable for the exchange of documents and information requests prior to the hearing
- Formulation of issues for the hearing
- Procedures to be followed in the hearing
- Equipment, language, interpretation, translation and transcript requirements
- Other matters that may aid in the simplification of the hearing

NIRB Closing Remarks and Next Steps

Closing Prayer