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Nunavut Impact Review Board Issues Pre-Hearing Conference Report on Kiggavik Project Proposal

CAMBRIDGE BAY, NU – July 5, 2013 – The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or “the Board”) has issued its Pre-Hearing Conference Report for AREVA Resources Canada Inc.’s (AREVA) Kiggavik Project Proposal. The Board considered a wide range of technical comments made by fourteen parties following review of AREVA’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and issued directions to AREVA for the preparation of its Final EIS. AREVA has advised the Board that it intends to submit the Final EIS by September 30, 2014. A Final Hearing regarding the Kiggavik proposal will be scheduled following acceptance of the Final EIS by the NIRB, and is currently anticipated to occur in 2015.

The Kiggavik Project Proposal involves the proposed development of a uranium ore mining and milling operation in the Kivalliq region of Nunavut, about 80 kilometres west of the community of Baker Lake. Mining would occur at the Kiggavik site and at the nearby Sissons site, with total mineral resources estimated at 51,000 tonnes of uranium. A uranium mill and related facilities, main accommodations and landing strip would be located at the Kiggavik site. Associated infrastructure would include an access road between Baker Lake and the mine sites, and a dock and storage facility at Baker Lake. Yellowcake would be transported from the Kiggavik site by air to connect with southern surface transportation networks.

The Kiggavik Project Proposal continues to progress through the NIRB’s Review process under Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. A Technical Meeting was held in Rankin Inlet in late-May where the parties discussed technical issues with the content of the Draft EIS. In responding to technical comments, and at the Technical Meeting, AREVA made almost 300 commitments on the preparation of the Final EIS. There have been numerous opportunities for the public and interested parties to participate in the Board’s Review process, including a Community Roundtable associated with the Pre-Hearing Conference in Baker Lake in the first week of June which involved direct participation by representatives from all Kivalliq communities. At the Pre-Hearing Conference, the parties advised the Board about their outstanding concerns and technical issues associated with the Draft EIS. In its Pre-Hearing Conference Report, the Board accepted AREVA’s commitments and imposed 25 additional directions to guide the preparation of the Final EIS.

The Pre-Hearing Conference Report, which includes an executive summary, is available from the NIRB’s online public registry at the following location:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/02-REVIEWS/ACTIVE%20REVIEWS/09MN003-AREVA%20KIGGAVIK/2-REVIEW/08-TECH%20MEETING%20%26%20PHC/2-PHC/05-PHC%20REPORT/>

A translated version of the Report is being prepared and will be posted to the NIRB’s online public registry as soon as it is available.

In order to simplify the hearing and to mitigate a potential loss of momentum in the environmental assessment process, the Board has encouraged AREVA to hold community information sessions in all potentially affected communities prior to the Final Hearing.

The NIRB looks forward to continuing its public engagement efforts and will provide additional updates on the Board's Review of the Kiggavik project proposal throughout the coming year.

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Community representative from Chesterfield Inlet questions AREVA during the Pre-Hearing Conference in Baker Lake June 4-6, 2013.