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Chesterfield Inlet
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Coral Harbour
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Rankin Inlet
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Repulse Bay
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Whale Cove
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and elders to meaningfully participate in such processes. Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit (IQ) – also known as Inuit Traditional Knowledge – is time-sensitive knowledge. If IQ is to be meaningfully used in environmental reviews, it must be used for decisions being made in a timely manner. Our environment, our communities, our culture, and our society can change quite drastically over 10 or 20 years (the amount of time which it may take before AREVA's project could become economically viable). This would make the knowledge shared by hunters and elders throughout the review process entirely outdated by the time AREVA's project gets off the ground. The entire public participation process would therefore have to be repeated at that time, if AREVA's project and related mitigation measures are to be meaningfully informed by IQ. As I am sure you are aware, the NIRB guidelines stipulate that Inuit Traditional Knowledge must be meaningfully considered in assessments of development proposals in Nunavut.

The KWB also does not agree with permitting AREVA's proposed mine until a land use plan or government legislation bans mining and exploration in core caribou calving and post calving grounds. It is AREVA's stated intention to provide a base of operations for further uranium development in the region. The milling infrastructure proposed by AREVA would have the capacity to mill much more uranium than the proposed Kiggavik mine would produce. We are aware that there are uranium deposits and exploration projects located in caribou calving and post calving grounds. We know that, if AREVA's mine is approved, industry interest in these areas will increase dramatically, which will put our region's caribou herds at great risk. We are aware that other herds in the NWT and Nunavut are currently subject to a hunting moratorium to ensure that they do not collapse entirely. We do not want to create a similar situation in the Kivalliq region.

Please find attached a February 23, 2015 resolution that further explains the KWB position on AREVA's proposed uranium mine. As you will see, the KWB is not necessarily opposed to the proposed Kiggavik uranium mine. However, the KWB does not agree with approving the Kiggavik proposal at this time. Again, I urge you to accept the NIRB recommendation and reject AREVA's proposed Kiggavik uranium mine.

Thank you for your time;


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