



NIRB File No.: 07EN047  
INAC File No.: N2007C0024

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**Re: Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Uranium North's "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" project**

Dear Spencer Dewar:

On September 2, 2010 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2007C0024 for Uranium North Resources Corporation's (Uranium North) "Amer Lake Mining Exploration and Campsite" project.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 07EN047) was received by the NIRB from INAC on May 31, 2007 and was screened by the Board in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On August 22, 2007 the NIRB issued the enclosed NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (07EN047) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: [http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007\\_SCREENINGS/07EN047-Uranium%20North%20Corporation/1-SCREENING/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07EN047-Uranium%20North%20Corporation/1-SCREENING/)

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 07EN047), the "Amer Lake Mining Exploration and Campsite" project was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 150 kilometres (km) north of Baker Lake. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct uranium exploration by drilling, sampling, and aerial surveys.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- On-land drilling of approximately 2500 m per year (for two years).
- Ground-based mapping, prospecting, sampling and geophysics.
- Aircraft use for access to the site and airborne geophysics activity within project area.
- Use of eskers or lakes for landing aircraft.
- The establishment of a 10-12 man temporary camp on southern shore of Amer Lake.
- Fuel and chemical transportation and storage.
- Use of water and generation of wastes.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Uranium North Resources Corporation is proposing to extend its Land Use Permit N2007C0024 for a period of one year.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

*“Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:*

*(a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or*

*(b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.”*

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original August 22, 2007 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tara Arko, Assistant Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4611 or [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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cc: Graham Gill, Uranium North  
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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 07EN047 (August 22, 2007)