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KivIA File No.: KVRW11F03, KVL311C04

AANDC File No.: N2011C0012

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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
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Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Uranium North Resources Corp.'s "Aura" project, Kivalliq Region

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On March 19, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an extension to the Land Use Permit (No. N2011C0012) for Uranium North Resources Corp.'s "Aura" project.

Please be advised that the original "Aura" project proposal (NIRB File No.: 11EN018) was received by the NIRB from Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) (File No.: KVRW11F03) on March 11, 2011, and from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now AANDC) on April 28, 2011 (INAC File No.: N2011C0012). The NIRB received a conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file on April 1, 2011. The proposal was screened by the NIRB in accordance with Article 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on May 16, 2011 the NIRB issued the enclosed 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC and the President of the KivIA indicating that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On August 2, 2011 the NIRB received an application for access to Inuit Owned Lands from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) in support of the Aura project. After a thorough assessment of the request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed screening decision report to the Minister of AAND on August 5, 2011.

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 11EN018) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2011/11EN018-Uranium%20North%20-%20Aura%20Project/>.

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No.: 11EN018), the "Aura" project was an early stage gold and base metals exploration program located in the Kivalliq region near Angikuni Lake, approximately 335 kilometres (km) west of the community of Arviat. The program was proposed to commence during 2011 and continue until 2016.

The proposed project activities included:

- Prospecting, geological mapping, sampling, aerial and ground geophysical surveys;
- Exploration drilling (reverse circulation and diamond drilling);
- Helicopter supported drill program, including daily transportation of field crew to drill sites;
- Temporary tent camp facilities for a maximum of twenty (20) people near Angikuni Lake;
- Transporting supplies and fuel using cat train via 330 km overland route from Arviat to camp site;
- Using snowmobiles to evaluate and validate the overland route prior to cat train operations;
- Twin/single otter transport of supplies, fuel and personnel to camp site from Arviat or Baker Lake;
- Fuel storage at camp site (8,200 litres drill fuel, 6,150 litres generator fuel, 11,480 litres heating oil, 41,000 litres aviation fuel, 410 litres gasoline and 6000 pounds propane);
- Temporary storage of chemicals and hazardous materials on site;
- Water use for drilling purposes and camp activities;
- Disposal of sewage, greywater and waste generated from camp operations;
- Incineration of combustible waste; and
- Removal of non-combustible and hazardous waste to an approved disposal facility.

The activities and components associated with the previous August 2, 2011 application to access Inuit Owned Lands included:

- Prospecting, geological mapping, sampling, aerial and ground geophysical surveys;
- Exploration drilling (reverse circulation and diamond drilling);
- Helicopter supported drill program, including daily transportation of field crew to drill sites;
- Water use for drilling purposes; and
- Removal of non-combustible and hazardous waste to an approved disposal facility.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Uranium North is proposing to extend its Land Use Permit (AANDC File No. N2011C0012) for one (1) additional year (current expiration date is June 8, 2013) to complete previously approved exploration activities.

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 the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original May 16, 2011 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tannis Bolt, Assistant Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4603 or tbolt@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 11EN018 (May 16, 2011)