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As per the information available in “Archeological and Paleontological Resources Terms and Conditions for Land Use Permit Holders” and “Territorial Land Use Regulations”, the following procedures will be undertaken by all Uravan Minerals personnel and associated contractors in the event of discovering an archaeological – paleontological site, within the confines of Uravan Minerals Inc. Garry Lake exploration property.

- Uravan will not conduct any development activities within 30 metres of a known or suspected archaeological site.
- Uravan personnel will not operate any vehicle over a known or suspected archaeological or paleontological site.
- Uravan personnel will not remove, disturb, or displace any archaeological – paleontological artifact or fossil.
- If Uravan personnel encounter or accidentally encounter – disturb an archaeological / paleontological site or artifact, all Land Use Operations on the site will be suspended and the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth will be immediately contacted at **(867) 934-2046** or **(867) 975-5500** or **1 (866)934-2035**. Henceforth, Uravan personnel will follow the step by step Terms and Conditions as presented in “Archeological and Paleontological Resources Terms and Conditions for Land Use Permit Holders” included in this Schedule.

The guidelines and reporting procedures that are available at “Archeological and Paleontological Resources Terms and Conditions for Land Use Permit Holders” and “Territorial Land Use Regulations” contained herein will be thoroughly reviewed and discussed with all Uravan personnel and associated contractors prior to the commencement of field operations.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND PALAEOONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR LAND USE PERMIT HOLDERS BACKGROUND

Archaeology

As stated in Article 33 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement:

The archaeological record of the Inuit of Nunavut is a record of Inuit use and occupancy of lands and resources through time. The evidence associated with their use and occupancy represents a cultural, historical and ethnographic heritage of Inuit society and, as such, Government recognizes that Inuit have a special relationship with such evidence, which shall be expressed in terms of special rights and responsibilities. [33.2.1]

The archaeological record of Nunavut is of spiritual, cultural, religious and educational importance to Inuit. Accordingly, the identification, protection and conservation of archaeological sites and specimens and the interpretation of the archaeological record is of primary importance to Inuit and their involvement is both desirable and necessary. [33.2.2]

In recognition of the cultural, spiritual and religious importance of certain areas in Nunavut to Inuit, Inuit have special rights and interests in these areas as defined by Article 33 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. [33.2.5]

Palaeontology

Under the Nunavut Act¹, the federal government can make regulations for the protection, care and preservation of palaeontological sites and specimens in Nunavut. Under the *Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations*², it is illegal to alter or disturb any palaeontological site in Nunavut unless permission is first granted through the permitting process.

Definitions

As defined in the *Nunavut Archaeological and Palaeontological Sites Regulations*, the following definitions apply:

“Archaeological site” means a place where an archaeological artifact is found.

s. 51(1)

² P.C. 2001-1111 14 June, 2001

“archaeological artifact” means any tangible evidence of human activity that is more than 50 years old and in respect of which an unbroken chain of possession or regular pattern of usage

cannot be demonstrated, and includes a Denesuline archaeological specimen referred to in section 40.4.9 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

“palaeontological site” means a site where a fossil is found.

“fossil” includes:

- (a) natural casts
- (b) preserved tracks, coprolites and plant remains; and
- (c) the preserved shells and exoskeletons of invertebrates and the eggs, teeth and bones of vertebrates.

Terms and Conditions

- 1) The permittee shall not operate any vehicle over a known or suspected archaeological or palaeontological site.
- 2) The permittee shall not remove, disturb, or displace any archaeological artifact or site, or any fossil or palaeontological site.
- 3) The permittee shall immediately contact the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (867) 934-2046 or (867) 975-5500 or 1 (866) 934-2035 should an archaeological site or specimen, or a palaeontological site or fossil be encountered or disturbed by any land use activity.
- 4) The permittee shall immediately cease any activity that disturbs an archaeological or palaeontological site encountered during the course of a land use operation, until permitted to proceed with the authorization of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Government of Nunavut.
- 5) The permittee shall follow the direction of the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth and DIAND in restoring disturbed archaeological or palaeontological sites to an acceptable condition.
- 6) The permittee shall provide all information requested by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth concerning all archaeological sites or artifacts and all palaeontological sites and fossils encountered in the course of any land use activity.
- 7) The permittee shall make best efforts to ensure that all persons working under authority of the permit are aware of these conditions concerning archaeological sites and artifacts, and palaeontological sites and fossils.

- 8) The permittee shall avoid the known archaeological and/or palaeontological sites listed in Attachment 1.
- 9) The permittee shall have an archaeologist or palaeontologist perform the following functions, as required by the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth:
 - a) survey
 - b) inventory and documentation of the archaeological or palaeontological resources of the land use area
 - c) assessment of potential for damage to archaeological or palaeontological sites
 - d) mitigation
 - e) marking boundaries of archaeological or palaeontological sites
 - f) site restoration

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth shall authorize by way of a Nunavut Archaeologist Permit or a Nunavut Palaeontologist Permit, all procedures subsumed under the above operations.