

December 5, 2008

Leslie Payette  
Manager, Environmental Administration  
Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Dear Ms. Payette:

I am writing to express my opposition the Uravan Mineral's proposal for mineral exploration on the calving grounds of the Beverly caribou herd south of Garry Lake. This area, which lies close to the Thelon Game Sanctuary, is recommended as a Special Management Area to protect caribou calving grounds in the Thelon Game Sanctuary Management Plan.

The caribou herds of Nunavut are an important natural and cultural resource. Their calving grounds are critical to their survival and must be fully protected from industrial activities such as mineral exploration or mineral development.

The Uravan proposal is of particular concern at this time, as there are new and alarming studies by the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board indicating that the Beverly caribou herd is in serious trouble. The herd's birth rate is reported to be only 1/5 of its traditional level. Clearly the disruption that is inevitable from mining or mining exploration in the calving grounds will further threaten the herd.

The NIRB must reject the application from Uravan Minerals, and ensure that no mineral exploration or development is permitted on the calving grounds of the Beverly herd.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Buchan".

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