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UNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD

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May 15, 2008

Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Gatineau, QC

Via email: strahl.c@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake Project Proposal

Dear Honourable Minister Strahl:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC No. N2008C0009).

On March 14, 2008 the NIRB received Uravan Minerals Inc's Garry Lake project proposal from Kivalliq Inuit Association. On April 1, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 08EN037 and commenced the Part 4 screening.

The NIRB requested additional information from the Proponent which was provided on April 14, 2008. On April 15, 2008 the NIRB was forwarded an amendment request from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada for the federal land use permit for this project. The Proponent is proposing to add an additional camp location to this project proposal. Comments were received by Parties on April 23, 2008. Based on comments and concerns received, in addition to the later submissions of related information, the Board requests more time to analyze the impact of this file in relation to its environmentally sensitive location in its screening of the project proposal. Although the Board is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA, it is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by May 23, 2008.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested Parties of the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,



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