

The logo features a stylized green map of Nunavut in the background. Overlaid on the map is the acronym "NIRB" in large, bold, black letters. Above the acronym, there is a red maple leaf and some Inuktitut syllabics. Below the acronym, the words "NUNAVUT IMPACT REVIEW BOARD" are written in smaller capital letters, followed by their Inuktitut equivalent.

October 27, 2008

Mr. Larry Lahusen
Chief Executive Officer
UraVan Minerals Inc.
2526 Battleford Avenue SW, Suite 204
Calgary, AB T3E 7J4

Re: Attendance at the NIRB's public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop for the Part 5 Review of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake Project

Dear Mr. Lahusen:

On behalf of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board), I have been directed to provide you with an update, with a copy to the Minister, of the Board's progress in the Part 5 Review of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake project. Also, I been directed to strongly encourage Uravan Minerals Inc. (the Proponent) to attend the workshop referenced above. To date, we have not received confirmation that you will have representatives in attendance.

The NIRB received its current direction from the Honourable Chuck Strahl in his letter dated September 25, 2008. In that letter, the Minister directed the Board to move forward with an efficient process. Pursuant to Section 12.5.4 of the NLCA, the Minister asked that “*the Board structure the review in a manner that will facilitate a thorough, yet expeditious review of the project*”. Additionally, the Minister stated his support for focusing the scope of the review on the Project’s impacts, including cumulative impacts on wildlife habitat and Inuit wildlife harvesting.

As you are aware, in accordance with section 12.5.2 of the NLCA¹, the NIRB has scheduled a public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop in the community of Baker Lake, **November 5 – 7, 2008**. This workshop will provide an opportunity for Board staff to consult with the public and interested parties and identify Valued Ecosystem Components (VECs) and Valued Socio-Economic Components (VSECs) that should be addressed by the Proponent's Environmental Impact Statement. In addition to the valuable input we expect to receive from the residents of the community of Baker Lake, the NIRB has sought to encourage the participation of all agencies with jurisdictional authority over the Garry Lake Project and/or with technical

¹ Section 12.5.2 NLCA states: “the NIRB shall, upon soliciting any advice it considers appropriate, issue guidelines to the proponent for the preparation of an impact statement. It is the responsibility of the proponent to prepare an impact statement in accordance with any guidelines established by NIRB.”

expertise to offer regarding the assessment and management of caribou and caribou calving grounds in the Project area.

As we move forward in the Part 5 Review of the Garry Lake project, it is the Board's request that the Proponent reconsider its initial indication that it would not participate in this public Scoping and Guideline Development Workshop. The NIRB is endeavoring to adhere to an expeditious review timeline and is confident that, with adequate cooperation by all parties, it could issue finalized EIS guidelines by mid-December, 2008. Following NIRB's acceptance of the Proponent's EIS submission, and assuming it is in conformity to the issued guidelines, the Board believes a Final Hearing could be scheduled approximately 90 days later, waiving the requirement of Technical Meetings and a Pre-Hearing Conference.

I respectfully request that you submit to the NIRB, in writing, notice as to whether or not you intend on having representation in attendance at the workshop. This indication should be submitted to the NIRB's Technical Advisor, Ryan Barry, at rbarry@nirb.ca as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Stephanie Autut". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name and last name clearly legible.

Stephanie Autut
Executive Director, NIRB

Cc: Honourable Chuck Strahl (strahl.c@parl.gc.ca)
Uravan Distribution List