

January 15, 2009

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Dear Ms. Payette,

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines - Uravan Minerals Inc. Garry Lake Project

Please find attached a revised submission regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Guidelines for the Uravan Minerals Inc. Garry Lake Project.

I would also like to include a request for one (1) hard copy of Uravan's future draft EIS. The mailing address is:

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Should Uravan prefer to courier the draft EIS, the address is:

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As indicated in our letter of January 12, 2009, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) has reviewed the above noted DRAFT Environmental Impact Statement Guidelines and has the following comments.

Section 11.2 Biophysical Environment discusses the requirements for baseline information. ENR recommends that the Proponent include information on caribou numbers (i.e. ENR survey data from 2007, 2008 and earlier calving distribution surveys). This will allow the proponent to address the requirements of Section 14.1 Biophysical Impacts, in particular to apply the population trend in the analysis of potential impacts of project activities on the Beverly caribou herd (specifically, and barren ground caribou in general) in their EIS. For this, both current and historic range data should also be used for the assessment of Beverly caribou habitat, calving grounds, etc.

ENR agrees with the requirements in the current draft guidelines requiring the assessment of potential impacts of project activities on caribou, with an emphasis on calving activities described in Sections 14.1.2 and 14.1.3.

Recent calving distribution surveys completed on the Beverly herd indicate a dramatic drop in herd numbers and productivity, the cause of which is not well understood at this time. In the assessment of potential impacts of industrial activity on the biophysical aspects outlined in the Draft EIS, ENR would like to see the proponent analyze the potential effects of industrial development (given the sensitivity of caribou to disturbance during critical life stages) on a herd that is currently experiencing a drastic, and potentially catastrophic population decline.

Should you have any questions or concerns with regards to the above, please do not hesitate to contact Gavin More, Manager: Environmental Assessment and Monitoring Section, at (867) 920-6595 or gavin_more@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely

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