

NIRB File No. 08EN037 INAC File No. N2008C0009 KIA File No. KVL106B208 NWB File No. 2BE-GAR0710

April 15, 2009

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

Via email: <u>llahusen@uravanminerals.com</u>

Re: <u>Anticipated date for an Environmental Impact Statement submission for the Part 5 Review of the Garry Lake project</u>

Dear Mr. Lahusen,

On February 20, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) wrote to you and issued Final Guidelines for the Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Uravan Minerals Inc.'s Garry Lake Project (the Project), NIRB File No. 08EN037. The Board requested that you review these guidelines and supply an anticipated date for the submission of an EIS to NIRB at your earliest convenience. To date, NIRB has not yet received any indication on when it might reasonably expect an EIS submission for this file.

On September 25, 2008 the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada referred the Garry Lake Project to NIRB for a Part 5 Review under Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. An EIS developed in accordance with the issued guidelines will serve as the basis for NIRB's review of the Project, and will enable the Board and interested parties to understand and assess the potential for related adverse and beneficial environmental and socio-economic effects. As such, NIRB's review of the Project can not continue until a submission which conforms to the issued guidelines is received by the Board.

Pursuant to Section 12.5.4 of the NLCA, on September 25, 2008 the Minister also directed NIRB in this case to "structure the review in a manner that will facilitate a thorough, yet expeditious review of the project". In light of the Minister's direction that this review be expeditious, NIRB respectfully requests you provide a written indication of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s anticipated date for submission of an EIS to the Board on or before **April 30, 2009**. If circumstances prevent Uravan Minerals Inc. from providing this information prior to that date, please contact us to propose a revised timeline.

Please send your correspondence to the attention of Leslie Payette, NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, at info@nirb.ca, or via fax at (867) 983-2594. If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Barry, NIRB's Technical Advisor, at rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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