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Attention: Ryan Barry  
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### **RE: Uravan response to the NIRB letter dated November 17, 2009 – Garry Lake EIS**

In connection with the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) letter dated November 17, 2009 regarding Uravan Mineral Inc (Uravan) anticipated date for submission of an EIS on the Garry Lake project, the following summarizes the current status:

1. Based on the high exploration potential of the Garry Lake property, abandoning the claims is objectionable; particularly without the recovery of Uravan's exploration costs. Uravan has incurred significant exploration expenditures on the Garry Lake property without a reasonable opportunity to gain access to the land.
2. To provide Uravan with some understanding and insight as to the true scope of the Garry Lake EIS Guidelines (the "Guidelines"), Uravan has requested a time line and cost estimates from several environmental consulting firms for completing the EIS, in the manner consistent with the issued Guidelines.
3. For Uravan, withdrawing the Garry Lake LUP application and starting over is the most appealing solution to the situation provided the NIRB could rationalize or consider a different path forward apart from the Part 5 Review.

Based on the foregoing, it is uncertain when Uravan could provide an EIS submission on the Garry Lake project to the NIRB. Once Uravan has received some guidance from the environmental consultants discussed above, we will have a better understanding of the task required.

Uravan's position has always been that the Guidelines go far beyond the scope of the Garry Lake project proposal. Given that the content of the Guidelines are very abstract, completing an EIS on the Garry Lake property, in a manner that conforms to the issued Guidelines, does not satisfy the Ministers direction to "*structure the review in a manner that will facilitate a thorough, yet expeditious review of the project*". Considering the size of the EIS area, the number of environmental concerns the Guidelines require to be addressed and the abstract nature of the content of the Guidelines; completing the Garry Lake EIS would be a daunting and unprecedented task.

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