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Via email: gno7369143@aol.com

Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.'s Baker Lake Project Proposal

Dear George Norman:

On March 31, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a Land Use Permit extension request for Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd.'s "Baker Lake Project" from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). On April 1, 2008 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for the proposed project. NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number **08EA038**.

The proposed uranium exploration project is located in the Kivalliq Region, near the community of Baker Lake. The original project proposal was screened in 2006 in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On August 17, 2006 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to specific recommended terms and conditions.

In addition to extending the timeframe of the permitted project activities, the extension request proposes to amend several project activities. The amended project activities would include:

- Increase in permit timeframe to September 30, 2009 (currently scheduled to expire August 17, 2008)
- Total estimated metreage to be drilled of approximately 8000 m
- Addition of a second drill rig
- Increase in number of workers from 15 to 20
- Establishment of a campsite with 15 tents and facilities to support 2 drill rigs
- Increased water usage to total 115 cubic metres for drills and campsite
- Use of 3 drill zones including both previously drilled and new areas

All documents received and pertaining to the current extension/amendment request can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at <ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/08EA038-Pacific%20Ridge%20Exploration%20Ltd> including:

- *NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English*

- *Maps*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in English*
- *Non technical Project Proposal summary in Inuktitut*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Spill Contingency Plans*
- *Environmental Management Plan*
- *2007 Annual Report*

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the Land Use Permit extension does not *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached August 17, 2006 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB feels are appropriate. The NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **April 28, 2008**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration Leslie Payette by email at lpayette@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Technical Advisor, Ryan Barry at (867) 983-4608 or rbarry@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



Ryan Barry - Technical Advisor
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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 Jeff Holwell, INAC

Attachments: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 06EN054
 Comment Form