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Subject: Re: Baker Basin Project: 2BE-KAZ

Hi George Norman,

Thanks for your letter. I know Pacific Ridge has tried to be a responsible corporate citizen regarding the people of Baker Lake and has hired quite a few people from here for its exploration work around Bissett Lake. I'm sure Pacific Ridge will do whatever is required to keep good relations with Baker Lake.

It's probably a good idea the project name has been changed to Baker Basin Project from Kazan Falls Project. The Baker Lake Inuit Heritage Centre and its Piqqiq Fall Caribou Crossing National Historical Site are gratified there will be no further development of the 69-4 Zone, which is apparently inside the Site. Do you have the coordinates for the 69-4 Zone? It's good that your plans to base your exploration activities in the community for the 2007 season preclude establishing a drill camp. Your documentation clearly stipulates there was a plan to build a main drill camp just upstream from Kazan Falls.

What I find intriguing is the number of errors and typo's in all the applications--not just yours but also the majors like Areva as well as other juniors. At one point your coordinates for your proposed drill targets included two off the the Galápagos Islands off Ecuador. Note the missing zero's on the Northings. ;-)

Some of those errors are simply a result of unfamiliarity with the Kivalliq and a lack of liaison with Baker Lake. Areva and Cumberland (now Angico-Eagle) have set up liaison offices here in Baker Lake. Not everybody can afford to do that. Some companies like Starfield have chartered in here with a company team for an afternoon planning to make whirlwind visits and meet with all stakeholders. It simply doesn't work and does not qualify as meaningful consultation with the community, as required in the permitting process. Given the high cost of travel to and accomodation in Baker and I think a much better strategy is to send *one* company representative to Baker Lake for a week or more, taking the time necessary to go around to visit all the stakeholders--the Hamlet Council, the HTO, the KIA, a public information meeting with the public in the Community Hall, etc.

That's the only way companies like yourselves will be able to address the requirement for real consultative interaction with all interested parties in Baker. Waiting until early summer will mean missing half the people in Baker many of whom head out on the Land. This place can be a ghost town in June. April or early May would be better.

It's excellent that Pacific Ridge is committing to cleanup beyond what is required regarding the 69-4 Zone. It can actually be done quite reasonably without a tremendous amount of helicopter time by simply positioning the old drums and hoses above ground level so that they can be picked up next winter. Perhaps you can work out some kind of agreement with the HTO to haul the debris back to Baker. I'm sure the IHC museum would

certainly be willing to cooperate with any effort that will improve the Piqqiq FCCNHS. You should be able to generate some positive PR with such a project and I would encourage you to get the media involved.

- > With regards to the mess previous mining companies have left at 694
- > area, Pacific Ridge is committed to being environmentally responsible
- > and has volunteered to remove the fuel drums old hoses left lying
- > around during this coming field season, although it has not been
- > instructed to do so by government authorities.

INAC is simply not doing the monitoring that's required. When I worked in the exploration camps a quarter-century ago we knew that INAC inspectors would be into every camp sometime during the summer.

We were told that if an inspector found a caribou hair, they could shut down the camp for the season, costing the company \$1 million (in 1980 dollars). The feds have simply not funded the inspections beginning in the 1990's. Some other system of monitoring will have to replace what the feds are obligated to do but refuse to fund. I'd like to see more local involvement in monitoring.

The Caribou Protection Measures of course are based on wholly inaccurate information that's 15 years old, again due to federal refusal to fund the required surveys. Again, some local monitoring programme would be beneficial to all the companies, including yours.

I think your company and the others involved in this latest uranium exploration boom in the Kivalliq are possibly in a position to develop some kind of new set of meaningful CPM's that will out-perform the pitiful federal effort of the past decade-and-a-half. I've had some very interesting discussions with Areva about this.

Thanks, ...Orin

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