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Ms. Sophia Granchinho
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Dear Ms. Granchinho:

Re: Request to Hold Amendment Request to AREVA's Nunavut Water Board and Kivalliq Inuit Association Licences to Allow Drilling at Proposed Thelon River Crossing Without Processing

On October 9, 2009 AREVA Resources Canada (AREVA) submitted an amendment request to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) and the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KIA) to allow for the drilling of 10 to 12 geotechnical holes at the proposed Thelon River crossing as identified in the Kiggavik Project Proposal. On October 23, 2009 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) indicated that the Board was not able to provide a decision under Section 12.10.1 or Section 12.10.2 of the *Nunavut Lands Claim Agreement* for this proposed activity without a referral from the Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for a review. The Minister of INAC provided his decision on the Kiggavik Project review in a letter dated February 23, 2010.

AREVA does not plan to conduct any on ice drilling at the proposed Thelon River crossing at this time and we would therefore ask that the application be held without processing. AREVA is continuing to evaluate the best road access option for the community, environment and company and we anticipate that future geotechnical drilling will be requested at the proposed Thelon crossing for a potential bridge or cable ferry crossing. AREVA will request to reactivate or re-submit to the NWB and KIA as required.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Frederic Guerin, Project Manager, at 306-343-4631 or myself.



Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Sarauer'.

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