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Via email: <u>barry.mccallum@areva.ca</u>

## Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for the Kiggavik-Sissons Exploration Project Proposal

## Dear Barry McCallum:

On December 15, 2006 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission for AREVA's Kiggavik-Sissons project proposal. After a pre-screening review it was determined that NIRB required additional information from AREVA prior to commencing the Part 4 Screening for the Kiggavik-Sissons project. On February 2, 2007 NIRB received the additional information from AREVA necessary to commence the Part 4 Screening.

## The project activities include:

- Satellite remote sensing
- Aircraft remote sensing to collect airborne geophysics data
- Soil sampling supported by helicopter
- Sediment sampling
- On-land drilling supported by helicopter
- Winter overland transportation of goods
- Construction of temporary wooden camp, and expansion of existing structures
- Fuel transportation and storage
- Chemical transportation and storage
- Environmental baseline work consisting of field surveys conducted on foot and supported by helicopter
- Ground geophysical surveys conducted on foot and supported by helicopter
- Geological mapping and prospecting conducted on foot and supported by helicopter
- Possible landing of aircraft with tundra tires on eskers
- Consumption of water and generation of waste

NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 06AN085. All documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at

ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\_SCREENINGS/ACTIVE\_SCREENINGS/06AN085-Areva\_Resources\_Inc/1-SCREENING/ including:

- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in English
- NIRB Part 1 Summary Application Form in Inuktitut
- NIRB Part 2 Form Project Specific Information

- Kiggavik-Sissons Project Summary in English
- Kiggavik-Sissons Project Summary in Inuktitut
- Project Figures and Photos
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Exploration Environmental Code of Practice
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan
- Baseline Reports from 1990
- NPC Conformity Determination
- Indian and Northern Affairs Application for Land use Permit
- Kivalliq Inuit Association Application for Access to Inuit-Owned Land

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen this project proposal. NIRB reserves the right to request further information at any time during the process. NIRB will copy you on screening-related correspondence and upload documents to the above ftp site for Public access.

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by AREVA's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by February 26. 2007. Comments should be sent to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.nunavut.ca.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at cinglis@nirb.nunavut.ca or 867-983-4607.

Sincerely,

(original signed by:)

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