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Re: Application Exempt from Screening Pursuant to NLCA Schedule 12-1: AREVA Resources Canada Inc.'s "Kiggavik-Sissons Exploration" project proposal

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

On November 10, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received an application from AREVA Resources Canada Inc. (AREVA) for an amendment to its Type B Water Licence (2BE-KIG0812) for the "Kiggavik-Sissons Exploration" project. The current amendment application is intended to replace the previous amendment application submitted by AREVA on March 29, 2011 to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB), and to the NIRB on April 1, 2011. AREVA is requesting authorization to allow land based drilling when low flow artesian conditions are encountered in all areas of the Kiggavik lease and to withdraw the previous request allowing for drilling within 30 metres of the ordinary high water mark at both Andrew and Mushroom lakes. After an assessment of the April 1, 2011 amendment request, the NIRB determined that the project proposal was exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Schedule 12-1(5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) (see enclosed April 12, 2011 correspondence).

The NIRB has determined that the current amendment to the Type B Water Licence is exempt from screening pursuant to item 5 of Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA, *Types of Project Proposals Exempt from Screening*:

NLCA Schedule 12-1 (5):

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3."

Recognizing that AREVA's Kiggavik Project proposal is currently undergoing review by the Board (NIRB File No. 09MN003), the NIRB also confirms that this proposed activity can proceed pursuant to NLCA Section 12.10.2(a):

"Notwithstanding Section 12.10.1, where a project proposal has been referred for review pursuant to Part 5 or 6, approvals or licences for exploration or development activities related to that project may be issued if:

(a) the activity falls within Schedule 12-1

As this project proposal is exempt from the requirement for screening by the NIRB, authorizations associated with this proposal may be processed by your office. This application is associated with a project proposal which has been previously screened by the NIRB, and the NIRB's Screening Decision Report may contain recommendations which are relevant to your organization. A copy of the Screening Decision Report has been enclosed for your review and can be accessed online from NIRB's public registry using the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2007/06AN085-AREVA%20Resources%20Inc/03-DECISION/>

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Sophia Granchinho, Technical Advisor, at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or (867) 793-4633.

Sincerely,



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Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

Enclosed (2): NIRB Application Exempt Pursuant to 12-1, File No.: 06AN085 (*April 12, 2011*)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 06AN085 (*April 3, 2007*), including additional Terms and Conditions issued for NIRB File No.: 06AN085 (*August 30, 2007*) and additional Terms and Conditions issued for NIRB File No.: 06AN085 (*January 9, 2009*)