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Dear Mr. Aglukark and Mrs. Granchinho:

## Re: Kiggavik Exploration Licence 2BE-KIG0812 – Renewal Application

Please accept the attached submission as a request by AREVA Resources Canada Inc. to renew Nunavut Water Board (NWB) water licence 2BE-KIG0812 which expires December 31, 2012. The amendment application is enclosed for the review of the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) to determine whether an additional conformity review and/or screening decision will be required respectively.

Exploration at the Kiggavik Project received a positive conformity determination against the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) by the NPC on December 15, 2006. The KRLUP has not been updated since that conformity determination and AREVA remains committed to following all conformity terms outlined in Chapter 6 as determined in the original conformity determination. We also re-commit to following the Code of Good Conduct for Land Users and the DIAND Caribou Protection Measures as per Appendices G and H of the KRLUP respectively.

The project received a positive screening decision by the NIRB in April 2007 under the file No. 06AN085. NIRB subsequently determined a change in the Project scope and issued additional recommendations in a letter dated August 30, 2007. AREVA remains committed to this, all other



recommendations found in the NIRB screening decision report issued April 3, 2007 and the additional terms and conditions outlined in the August 30, 2007 letter.

Applications to authorizing agencies including a Project Proposal for mine development were submitted in November 2008. The mine development applications and proposal received a positive conformity determination against the Keewatin Land Use Plan in January 2009 and the NIRB made a screening recommendation for a public review of the Kiggavik Project to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada in March 2009. On March 2, 2010 AREVA received confirmation from NIRB that the Minister's decision indicated that the Kiggavik Project is subject to public review in accordance with Part 5 of Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). AREVA is applying for this renewal under Articles 12.10.2 and 13.5.5 of the NLCA that allow for continued approvals and licences for exploration activities when a project has been referred to a review.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Forseille Coordinator, SHEQ Exploration at stephanie.forseille@areva.ca or 306-343-4693 or me. Thank you in advance.

Best regards,

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Enclosure

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