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File No.: 2BE-KIG0812

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Subject: Amendment Application by Areva Resources Canada Inc. for the Kiggavik-Sissons Project – Type “B” Licence No.: 2BE-KIG0812

Dear Mr. Manzo:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received on April 1, 2011, from Areva Resources Canada Inc., an application to amend relevant terms and conditions under NWB Licence No. 2BE-KIG0812 in order to permit drilling during low flow artesian conditions and within thirty (30) metres of the ordinary high water mark within the Andrew Lake and Mushroom Lake Areas, located approximately 80 kilometers west of Baker Lake within the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut.

On April 21, 2011, the NWB acknowledged receipt and distributed the application to interested parties for a thirty-day comment period. On or before the deadline for comments, submissions¹ were received from three intervening parties; Department of Fisheries and Ocean Canada (DFO), Environment Canada (EC), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), and the Government of Nunavut-Department Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (GN-CLEY). None of the interveners expressed concerns and/or objections to an NWB decision supporting the amendment. Nevertheless, interveners provided recommendations pertaining to environmental protections measures that must be incorporated and implemented should the Board decide to grant the amendment.

In addition to interveners' comments, the NWB received a positive conformity review decision² from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and a letter³ from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). The NIRB letter indicated that the type “B” Water Licence application is exempt

¹ Department of Fisheries and Ocean Canada (DFO), May 26, 2011; Environment Canada (EC), May 20, 2011; Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), May 20, 2011, and Government of Nunavut-Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, April 27, 2011.

² Email from NPC to NWB, dated May 26, 2011.

³ Letter from NIRB to NWB, dated April 12, 2011.

from screening requirements under Schedule 12-1(5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA); however, it brought to the NWB's attention that recommendations made in the original Screening Decision Report, dated April 3, 2007 still apply. Those recommendations included a confirmation that the applicant committed to not carrying out land-based drilling within thirty (30) metres of the high water mark of a water body. The Licensee has therefore applied to amend the licence.

In light of the interveners' submissions and letter from the NIRB, the NWB invites the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA), the Designated Inuit Association that holds title to the land on which the proposed activities will be undertaken, to review amendment application and submissions received and provide the Board with any comments necessary and/or feedback, by 5:00 p.m. MT, June 8, 2011.

Should you have any question please feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-360-6338 ext. 25 or by email at sjoseph@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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