

**NIRB File No.: 11EN006** INAC File No.: N2011C0006

March 22, 2011

Honourable John Duncan Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Ottawa, ON

Via email: <u>Duncan.J@parl.gc.ca</u> and <u>minister@inac-ainc.gc.ca</u>

## Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Uranium North Corp.'s "Mallery Lake" Project Proposal

Dear Honourable John Duncan:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (INAC File No. N2011C0006).

On February 2, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Uranium North Corp's "Mallery Lake" project proposal directly from the proponent. On February 18, 2011 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB assigned this project proposal file number 11EN006 and commenced the Part 4 screening.

On February 24, 2011 the NIRB requested additional project-specific information from Uranium North Corp. to facilitate the screening process. On February 25, 2011 the NIRB received the requested information and resumed screening the project proposal, distributing notice of the application to the public and requesting submission of comments and concerns to the Board on or before March 21, 2011.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 42 day time period specified by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada as per Section 12.4.5(a) of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen this project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by March 29, 2011.

If this request is approved, NIRB understands that the authorizing agency will inform the Proponent, stakeholders and interested Parties on the extension.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not he sitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Autut,

Executive Director

cc: Graham Gill, Uranium North Resources Corp. Jeff Mercer, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada