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RE: NWB FILE # 2BE-MOU0608 – MOUSE LAKE URANIUM EXPLORATORY PROJECT

Dear Richard:

The Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the project from Hornby Bay Exploration Ltd. for conducting an exploratory drilling for uranium near Mouse Lake, and has the following recommendations to make.

WILDLIFE

In the recent years, there have been bears observed in the vicinity of the base camp near Mouse Lake; therefore, DOE recommends that an electric fence be set up around the camp such as accommodation and kitchen areas to reduce people-bear encounters. In addition, proper food handling and garbage disposal procedures should be followed to reduce the likelihood that bears will be attracted to the operation. Careful planning and attention to details of camp design and maintenance will decrease the attraction of bears to camp.

The applicant should follow procedures outlined in the "Safety in Bear Country Manual", and further information and advice on measures that should be taken to minimize the possibility of bear-people conflicts can be obtained via the following contacts.

DoE Contacts

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- Monica Angohiatok, (867) 982-7441, mangohiatok@gov.nu.ca

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We thank the NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Hornby Bay's exploratory project. Please contact us if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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