

NIRB File No.: 07EN046 INAC File No.: N2007C0017 KIA Permit No.: KVL307C01

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The Honourable John Duncan Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development c/o Jeff Mercer Manager Land Administration Box 100, Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Via email: jeff.mercer@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: <u>Application Exempt from Screening Pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA:</u> <u>Forum Uranium Corp.'s "Schultz Lake" (North Thelon) Project</u>

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On June 6, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to the Land Use Permit N2007C0017 for Forum Uranium Corp.'s "Schultz Lake" (North Thelon) project proposal.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (then named the "North Thelon Joint Venture" project) was received by the NIRB on March 27, 2007 from INAC, and screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On July 11, 2007 the NIRB issued the enclosed 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

Applications for extensions to INAC Land Use Permit N2007C0017 were also received by the NIRB in 2008, 2009 and 2010 respectively; upon receipt each time the NIRB confirmed that the proposed activities had previously been screened and were exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the July 11, 2007 Screening Decision to the Minister of INAC.

The current extension request, the original application and NIRB Screening Decision Report (07EN046) and other related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at: ftp://ftp.nirb.ca/01-

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PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

The "Schultz Lake" (North Thelon) project previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 07EN046) was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 100 kilometres (km) northwest of the Hamlet of Baker Lake. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct a two-stage uranium exploration program in the Kiggavik area over a two year period beginning in 2007.

The activities and components associated with this proposal included:

- Aircraft remote sensing (airborne geophysical survey);
- Soil/till sampling;
- Up to 25 on-land drill holes and potential for diamond drilling and surface trenching;
- Use of Thom Lake airstrip;
- Use of existing Thom Lake camp (owned by Tanqueray Resources Ltd.);
- Transportation and storage of fuel at camp, and caches;
- Transportation and storage of hazardous materials; and
- Drill program and personnel transport supported by helicopter and fixed wing aircraft.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Forum Uranium Corp. is currently applying to extend its Land Use Permit (N2007C0017) with INAC for an additional year.

Please note that Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA states that:

"Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original project proposal; or
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project."

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from screening as per Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the original July 11, 2007 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Amanda Hanson, Technical Advisor, at 867-983-4615 or ahanson@nirb.ca.
Sincerely,

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cc: Anthony Williamson, Forum Uranium Corp.

Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 07EN046 (July 11, 2007)