

NIRB File No.: 06EN003 INAC File No.: N2005C0040

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Honourable John Duncan Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada c/o Jeff Mercer Manager, Land Administration Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU

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

Re: <u>Application exempt from Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Titan Uranium Incorporated's "Mining (Exploration), Thelon Project"</u>

Dear Jeff Mercer

On March 10, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) for an extension to INAC Land Use Permit N2005C0040 for Titan Uranium Incorporated 's (Titan) "Mining (Exploration), Thelon Project" project proposal.

The original application for the above project was received by the NIRB on December 20, 2005 from the Nunavut Planning Commission, and was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). On March 9, 2006 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) NLCA screening decision to INAC allowing the proposed project to proceed subject to project-specific recommended terms and conditions.

Please be advised that this Land Use Permit (No. N2005C0040) was extended in 2007, 2009 and 2010 respectively. Upon receipt of applications from INAC to extend the land use permit, the NIRB confirmed that the proposed activities had previously been screened and were therefore exempt from further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA, and reissued the enclosed March 9, 2006 Screening Decision to the Minister of INAC.

The current INAC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report 06EN003) and related file information are available from the NIRB's ftp site at the following link: http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2006/06EN003-Titan%20Uranium%20Inc/

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 06EN003), the "Mining (exploration), Thelon Project" was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 150 kilometres (km) northwest of Baker Lake. The Proponent indicated that it intended to conduct a program of prospecting, geological mapping, geochemical and geophysical surveys as well as conduct diamond drilling in Titan's mineral holdings.

The activities/components associated with this proposal included:

- Uranium exploration, including diamond drilling and geological mapping;
- Temporary camp for 20 people, helicopter and Twin Otter aircraft; and
- Fuel cache and chemical storage.

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Titan is proposing to extend its INAC Land Use Permit (N2005C0040) for an additional year to March 2012. The requested extension is for the purpose of maintaining a camp location for exploration in future years with the potential of a small aerial mapping survey based from Baker Lake.

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 March 9, 2006 Screening Decision Report (enclosure).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor, at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Enclosed: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: NIRB File 06EN003 (March 9, 2006)