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The Honourable Bernard Valcourt
Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development
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Sent via email: minister@aandc.gc.ca; bernard.valcourt@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Forum Uranium's "Schultz Lake" (North Thelon) Project Proposal

Dear Mr. Bernard Valcourt:

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 (AANDC File No. N2014C0010).

On July 8, 2014 the NIRB received Forum Uranium Corp.'s (Forum) "Schultz Lake" (North Thelon) project proposal, including an application for a new Land Use Permit (No. 2014C0010) from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. On July 17, 2014 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for this file. The NIRB determined that this application was related to the project proposal previously screened under NIRB file number 07EN046 and commenced screening pursuant to NLCA Article 12 Part 4. The NIRB received an additional application in support of this proposal from the Nunavut Water Board on July 18, 2014.

Following a preliminary completeness check of this project proposal, the NIRB identified that annual reporting required by the Board's previously-issued Screening Decision Report for the Schultz Lake project had not been received for the years 2009, 2011, 2012, and 2013. As the NIRB requires previously-screened projects to be in compliance with monitoring requirements prior to consideration of additional amendment or renewal requests, on July 25, 2014 the NIRB requested that the outstanding information be supplied on or before August 4, 2014. As of the date of this letter, the NIRB had not yet received the information as requested.

As you are aware, the NIRB will be facilitating the Final Hearing for its Review of Agnico Eagle Mining Ltd.'s "Meliadine Gold Project" from August 21 to August 27, 2014. While the Board is travelling and hosting the Final Hearing, the NIRB will be required to temporarily suspend its consideration of other files and will be unable to issue Screening Decision Reports that might be

required. During this time several of the NIRB's staff members will remain in the office during the Final Hearing and will continue with the advancement of regular file administration, including receipt of new project proposals, maintenance of the Board's online public registry, and regular communications with outside agencies, project proponents and the general public. Following the close of the Final Hearing, the NIRB will endeavor to move forward on all open files as expeditiously as possible.

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision for Forum's "Schultz Lake" (North Thelon) project proposal within the 37 day¹ time period requested by Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the project proposal. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed within 45 days of receiving the additional information as requested from the Proponent.

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 hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ryan Barry". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ryan Barry
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Anthony Williams, Forum Uranium Corp.
Tracey McCaie, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board
David Ningeonan, Kivalliq Inuit Association
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¹ AANDC Nunavut Regional Office requested the NIRB's screening decision on or before by August 27, 2014.