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**Re: Notice of Part 4 Screening for Forum Uranium Corporation's "North Thelon Joint Venture Right of Way Application" and "Renewal Request with Indian and Northern Affairs Canada" project proposals**

Dear Jacques Stacey:

On March 5, 2008 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received Forum Uranium Corporation's (Forum's) "*North Thelon - Schultz Lake Right of Way*" project proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association. On March 14, 2008 the NIRB sent Forum notification of receipt of their application, and advised that a conformity determination was required from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) prior to the commencement of the NIRB's screening process. On May 30, 2008, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the NPC, and commenced the screening for this file in accordance with Section 12, Part 4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). The NIRB has assigned this project proposal file number 08EN064.

The NIRB received an application from the Kivalliq Inuit Association (KivIA) for Forum's "*North Thelon Joint Venture Exploration*" project proposal on March 27, 2007. Following the screening of this file (NIRB File No. 07EN046), on July 11, 2007 the NIRB issued a screening decision consistent with 12.4.4(a) of the NLCA, permitting the project to proceed subject to recommended project specific terms and conditions (please see Screening Decision Report, attached). In addition to the Right of Way application received March 5, 2008, on May 29, 2008, the NIRB received correspondence from Forum to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requesting that INAC consider a renewal of the Land Use Permit associated with Forum's "*North Thelon Joint Venture*" exploration project (correspondence attached)(INAC LUP No. N2007C0017, NIRB No. 07EN046).

Forum utilized the Thom Lake camp during their 2007 field season, which is owned by, and was operated and maintained by Tanqueray Resources. This camp was permitted by the KivIA under License No. KVL103B02 (expires September 2, 2008). Forum is proposing to utilize the Thom Lake camp again during the 2008 field season, but it will be operated and maintained by Outland Camos.

The proposed right of way is directly associated with the exploration project, and would allow for the overland transport of fuel used for drilling, in addition to the associated caching of fuel. Both the right of way and the activities being considered through the extension request are located near Schultz Lake in the Kivalliq region, approximately 100 km northwest of Baker Lake. The intent of the project is to evaluate the uranium potential of the claim area through exploration activities.

The project activities include:

- Aircraft remote sensing (airborne geophysics);
- Soil/till sampling;
- Estimated total of 3,000 - 4,000 m of on-land diamond drilling
  - Drilling to take place in three general areas, specific location of sites not yet determined
  - Approximately 20 drill holes, each between 150 - 250 m in depth
- Use of Thom Lake airstrip;
- Use of existing Thom Lake camp;
  - Maintained and operated by Outland Camos
  - KivIA Permit KVL103B02
- Overland transportation of fuel from Thom Lake camp to temporary fuel caches located near drill sites
  - Transportation of fuel contracted to Peter's Expediting Ltd
  - Transportation to take place only during months of snow cover, over distances ranging from 25 km to 38 km
  - Fuel caches to be removed when drill is no longer in the area
- Caching of fuel at Thom Lake camp and at drill sites as follows, assuming 45-gallon (170 L) drums
  - Several drums of gasoline and propane (100 lb tanks) may be required during the drill program

Cache Name	Drums Diesel (Total Litres)	Drums Jet B (Total Litres)
Thom Lake	50 (8,500)	150 (25,500)
Graphite	40 (6,800)	45 (7,650)
Pyro		65 (11,050)
Tarzan	40 (6,800)	30 (5,100)
Nutaaq	40 (6,800)	40 (6,800)

All application documents received and pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's ftp site at:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/08EN064-Forum%20Uranium%20Corporation/01-SCREENING/01-APPLICATION/> including:

- *Kivalliq Inuit Association Application Form in English*
- *NPC Conformity Determination*
- *Visual Layout of overland transportation route and cache locations*
- *Forum Uranium Maps*
- *Forum Uranium Non technical Summary in English*
- *Forum Uranium Non technical Summary in Inuktitut*
- *Forum Uranium 2008 Work Plan in English*
- *Forum Uranium Updated Spill Contingency Plan*

- *Forum Uranium Updated Wildlife Mitigation Measures*
- *Forum Uranium Caribou Protection Measures*

In addition to the above, all documents received and pertaining to Forum's previous file, 07EN046, can be obtained from the NIRB's ftp site at:

[http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007\\_SCREENINGS/07EN046-Forum\\_Uranium\\_Corporation/](http://ftp.nirb.ca/SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/ARCHIVE/2007_SCREENINGS/07EN046-Forum_Uranium_Corporation/).

Pursuant to Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), NIRB shall proceed to screen the Project Proposal, including both the right of way and the INAC renewal. NIRB may request additional information at any time during the process. NIRB will copy you on screening process related correspondence and upload related documents to the above ftp site for public access.

NIRB is copying interested Parties and municipalities most affected by Forum's project proposal with this letter, and we invite interested persons to review the application materials as referenced above, and comment directly to the NIRB by **Monday June 30, 2008**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the project proposal is likely to arouse significant public concern; and if so, why;
- Whether the project proposal is likely to cause significant adverse eco-systemic and socio-economic effects; and if so, why;
- Whether the project is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology, (please provide any recommended mitigation measures); and
- Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

In the Screening Decision Report (NIRB No. 07EN046) issued by the NIRB on July 11, 2007, the Board recommended that, following Forum's submission of their 2007 annual report, the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (GN) would report to the NIRB and INAC its findings regarding the possible impact of [Forum's North Thelon Joint Venture] project on the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds. As noted in correspondence provided to the NIRB June 6, 2007 (attached), the GN recommended a one-year Land Use Permit be issued, subject to "the improved knowledge of caribou herd population trends and potential impact of exploration activities."

By way of this Notice, the NIRB hereby requests an update from the GN regarding their review of the impacts of this project on the caribou herds and how this may pertain to this current application, especially with respect to the potential impact of exploration activities on the specified caribou herds. In addition, this update should incorporate any results of the GN and Government of North West Territories population surveys of the Beverly and Ahiak caribou herds that the GN indicated were to take place in June, 2007. The NIRB respectfully requests submission of the above, on or before **Monday June 30, 2008**.

Please send your comments to the attention of NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette, by email at [lpayette@nirb.ca](mailto:lpayette@nirb.ca) or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at 867-983-4615 or [ahanson@nirb.ca](mailto:ahanson@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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Attachments:    NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No. 07EN046 (July 11, 2007)  
                      Correspondence from Forum to INAC, May 29, 2008  
                      Correspondence from GN-DOE to NIRB, June 6, 2007  
                      Comment Form