



NIRB File No.: 08EN064
(Renewal of NIRB File No.: 07EN046)
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Renewal of INAC File No.: N2007C0017

July 3, 2008

The Honourable Chuck Strahl
Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Gatineau, QC

Via email: Strahl.C@parl.gc.ca

Re: Extension Request for NIRB Screening of Forum Uranium Corporation's North Thelon Joint Venture Right of Way Project Proposal and Renewal Request for Shultz Lake Exploration Project

Dear Honourable Chuck Strahl:

Pursuant to Section 12.4.5 (b) of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA), the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) hereby requests more time to screen the project proposal referenced above (N2007C0017).

On March 5, 2008 the NIRB received Forum Uranium Corporation's (Forum Uranium) "North Thelon - Schultz Lake Right of Way" project proposal from the Kivalliq Inuit Association. On May 30, 2008, the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for the *Right of Way* project proposal. On May 29, 2008, the NIRB received correspondence from Forum Uranium to Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) requesting that INAC consider a renewal of the Land Use Permit associated with Forum Uranium's "North Thelon Joint Venture" exploration project (INAC LUP No. N2007C0017, NIRB No. 07EN046).

The NIRB consolidated the *Right of Way* application (proposed to support the exploration program) with Forum Uranium's renewal request application, assigned the project proposal file number 08EN064, and commenced screening for this file in accordance with Section 12, Part 4 of the NLCA.

On July 2, 2008 the NIRB discovered that the *Right of Way* activities under consideration for screening had been previously screened in April 2008 as part of the Matrix Aviation Solutions project (NIRB File No. 08FN009). The NIRB has requested clarification from Forum Uranium regarding the proposed *Right of Way* activities and the application currently undergoing screening (08EN064).

The NIRB is not able to provide a screening decision within the 45 day time period as per Section 12.4.5 of the NLCA and therefore requires additional time to screen the *Right of Way* and renewal request application. It is anticipated that the screening process will be completed by July 11, 2008.

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, appearing to read 'Stephanie Autut', with a stylized, cursive script.

Stephanie Autut,
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board

cc: Jeff Holwell, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association
Jacques Stacey, Forum Uranium Corporation
Rick Mazur, Forum Uranium Corporation