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Sent via email: perkins.exploration@sasktel.net

Re: Opportunity to address comments received regarding URU Metals Ltd.'s "Nueltin Lake Project" project proposal

Dear Carl Perkins:

On June 11, 2013 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for URU Metals Ltd.'s "Nueltin Lake Project" proposal. Further, the NIRB received a request from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) to screen the above mentioned project proposal on June 11, 2013.

Following receipt of the initial application materials, the NIRB undertook a preliminary completeness check and found that the proposal as submitted did not contain sufficient information for the NIRB to permit proper screening. On June 20, 2013 the NIRB requested that additional information from the Proponent be provided to the Board by July 3, 2013. The NIRB received the information as requested on July 4, 2013.

On July 8, 2013 the NIRB invited interested parties and municipalities most affected by the URU Metals Ltd.'s project to provide comments directly to the NIRB by July 29, 2013.

On or before July 30, 2013 the NIRB received comments from the following interested parties:

- Canadian Arctic Resource Committee
- Government of Nunavut (GN)
- Manitoba Denesuline
- Environment of Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada

All comments and documents received pertaining to this project proposal can be obtained from NIRB's online public registry at <http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/ACTIVE%20SCREENINGS/13EN027-URU%20Metals%20Ltd-Nuelin%20Lake/02-DISTRIBUTION/COMMENTS/>.

A *summary* of the main concerns raised relate to the following:

- Request confirmation as to the utilization of 'local' businesses and sources of labour to resupply the Kiyuk Lake camp;
- No timeline presented as to when the Proponent intends to conduct community consultations in Arviat and Rankin Inlet;
- Noted that there might be the potential of discovering and disturbing of heritage sites near the drilling locations;
- Noted the proposed timing of the project in conjunction with the use of the Kiyuk Lake camp and potential to significantly impact caribou migration through the area, particularly if the proposed program were to take place during late August and September when caribou use the area;
- Recommendation to consult with the GN wildlife biologist from Arviat before program activities are conducted regarding caribou migration and potential disruption from proposed activities;
- Recommendation to record all sightings of caribou and big game animals encountered during the program and to submit the animal sightings to AANDC for annual review;
- Recommendation to hire two members from Northland First Nation residents in Lac Brochet as wildlife monitors;
- Recommendation that the land use permit application be forwarded to the GN Department of Culture and Heritage (formerly Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth) to determine whether additional heritage resource assessment would be required;
- Recommend refuelling and spill contingency measures and planning be implemented;
- Recommendation regarding assessment of alternatives to waste fuel disposal via incineration;
- Recommendations regarding impacts to water quality including use of sump and sediment/erosion control methods;
- Recommendations to reduce aircraft disturbance to migratory birds; and
- Recommendations to be followed if Species at Risk are encountered or affected.

Due to these concerns, the NIRB would like to provide URU Metals Ltd. with an opportunity to address all the comments prior to the Board making its decision to the Minister. The NIRB requests that the Proponent provide a response to all items raised directly to the NIRB by **August 14, 2013**.

Please send your comments to the NIRB at info@nirb.ca or via fax at **(867) 983-2594**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (867) 793-4633 or sgranchinho@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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