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Via email: ggill@diamondsnorthresources.com

Re: Application Acknowledgement for Uranium North Resources' amendment request with Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada for the "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" project

Dear Graham Gill:

On October 19, 2011 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission for Uranium North's "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" project proposal. On October 20, 2011 the NIRB received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for a new Land Use Permit (N2011C0025) to replace the previously issued Land Use Permit N2007C0024. The new Land Use Permit would allow Uranium North to continue its uranium exploration activities within the Amer Lake Project area.

Please be advised that the original project proposal (NIRB File No.: 07EN047) was received by the NIRB from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC, now AANDC) on May 31, 2007. The proposal was screened in accordance with Part 4, Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and on August 22, 2007 the NIRB issued a 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC indicating the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions. Project components and/or activities associated with the original proposal included the following:

- Explore for the presence of uranium in surface rock and soil found around the Amer Lake project area;
- On-land drilling of approximately 2500 metres per year of permit;
- Potential on-ice drilling if suitable targets are found;
- Ground-based mapping, prospecting, sampling and geophysics;
- Aircraft use for access to and within site and airborne geophysics activity;

- Use of eskers or lakes for landing aircraft;
- Establishment of a 10-12 man temporary camp on southern shore of Amer Lake;
- Fuel and chemical transportation and storage; and
- Use of water and generation of wastes.

Following an internal completeness check of the current application, the NIRB determined that further information would be required in order to permit proper screening and requested additional information from the Proponent on October 24, 2011 and October 28, 2011. The NIRB made an additional request for the required information on November 17, 2011. On November 24, 2011, all outstanding information was received and the NIRB continued the assessment of Uranium North's project proposal.

Amendment

As part of its new Land Use Permit, Uranium North is proposing to include the following additional component:

- Preparation and use of a winter trail (approximately 150 kilometres) to bring in supplies from Baker Lake to Amer Lake using a cat train. Trail would be used March of each year for the life of the permit.

The NIRB has determined that this request may result in a change to the original scope of the project.

The current Land Use Permit application and the original NIRB screening file, 07EN047 are available from NIRB's ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nirb.ca/01-SCREENINGS/COMPLETED%20SCREENINGS/2007/07EN047-Uranium%20North%20Corporation/>

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.”

The NIRB is of the opinion that the request for the amendment is not likely to *significantly* change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore the NIRB is *proposing* to re-issue the same terms and conditions as those in the attached August 22, 2007 Screening Decision, along with any new terms and conditions the NIRB considers appropriate. The NIRB is copying parties and municipalities potentially affected by this project and we invite interested persons to comment directly to the NIRB by **December 9, 2011**.

The NIRB would like Parties to provide comments regarding:

- Whether the proposed component or activity was a part of the original proposal;
- Whether its inclusion would significantly modify the project;
- Any additional mitigation measures that are appropriate; and
- Any other matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

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

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the NIRB's Technical Advisor Sophia Granchinho at sgranchinho@nirb.ca or by phone at (867) 793-4633.

Sincerely,



Sophia Granchinho
Nunavut Impact Review Board

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Enclosed: Comment Forms (English and Inuktitut)
NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 07EN047 (August 22, 2007)