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AANDC File No.: N2011C0025
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Re: Application Exempt from the Requirement for Screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA: Uranium North Resources Corp.'s "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" project, Kivalliq Region

Dear Jeff Mercer:

On January 15, 2014 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received an application from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) for an extension to the AANDC Land Use Permit (No. N2011C0025) for Uranium North Resources Corp.'s (Uranium North) "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" project proposal (the Project).

The NIRB received the original application for the Project (NIRB File No.: 07EN047) from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC; now AANDC) on May 31, 2007. On May 30, 2007 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Land Use Plan) from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC). The project 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 an NLCA 12.4.4(a) screening decision to the Minister of INAC which indicated that the proposed project could proceed subject to the NIRB's recommended project-specific terms and conditions.

On July 15, 2009 the NIRB received an application from AANDC for a one year extension to Uranium North's Land Use Permit (No. N2007C0024) associated with the Project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request including comments received, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant

to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and reissued the original August 22, 2007 screening decision report on August 4, 2009. On September 2, 2010 the NIRB received an application from AANDC for a further one year extension to Uranium North's Land Use Permit (No. N2007C0024) associated with the Project. After a thorough assessment of the extension request, the NIRB determined that the application was exempt from the requirement for further screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and reissued the original screening decision report on September 2, 2010.

Further, on October 19, 2011 the NIRB received an application from AANDC for an application for a new Land Use Permit (No. N2011C0025) to amend and replace the previously issued and expiring Land Use Permit (No. N2007C0024) for the above mentioned Project. On October 19, 2012 the NIRB received a positive conformity determination (Keewatin Land Use Plan) from the NPC for the application from AANDC. After a thorough assessment of materials provided, the Board determined that the request for an amended Land Use Permit would result in a change to the original scope of the Project and on January 12, 2012, the NIRB re-issued the previously recommended project-specific terms and conditions contained within the original Screening Decision Report as well as additional terms and conditions in accordance with Section 12.4.4(a) of the NLCA.

The current AANDC application, the original NIRB Screening Decision Report (File No. 07EN047) and related file information are available from the NIRB's online public registry at the following location:

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

PREVIOUSLY-SCREENED PROJECT PROPOSAL:

As previously screened by the NIRB (File No. 07EN047), the "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" project was located within the Kivalliq region, approximately 150 kilometres (km) north-northwest of the Hamlet of Baker Lake. The Proponent intended to explore for the presence of uranium in surface rock and soil found around the Amer Lake area from 2007 to 2009.

The activities and components associated with the previously screened proposal included:

- On-land drilling of approximately 2500 metres per year;
- Potential of on-ice drilling of suitable targets;
- Ground-based mapping, prospecting, sampling and geophysics;
- Aircraft use for access to and within site and airborne geophysics surveys;
- Use of eskers or lakes for landing aircraft;
- Establishment of a 10-12 person temporary camp on southern shore of Amer Lake;
- Fuel and chemical transportation and storage; and
- Use of water and generation of wastes.

The activities and components associated with the 2011 new and amendment Land Use Permit application included:

- Further exploration of the site between March 2012 and September 2013; and

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

CURRENT APPLICATION:

Uranium North is proposing to extend its Land Use Permit (No. N2011C0025) for an additional year in order to conduct the activities as previously proposed in 2011.

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.”

After completing a review of the information provided in support of the current application, the NIRB is of the understanding that the proposed extension does not change the general scope of the original project activities, and the exceptions noted in NLCA 12.4.3(a) and (b) do not apply. Therefore, this application is exempt from the requirement for screening pursuant to Section 12.4.3 of the NLCA and the activities therein remain subject to the terms and conditions recommended in the January 12, 2012 Screening Decision Report (enclosed).

If you have any questions or require additional clarification, please contact Kelli Gillard, Technical Advisor at (867) 983-4619 or kgillard@nirb.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure: NIRB Screening Decision Report, File No.: 07EN047 (January 12, 2012)