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Mr. Lucassie Arragutainaq
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Dear Mr. Arragutainaq:

The Honourable John Duncan has asked me to reply to your letter of January 12, 2012, regarding the screening decision of the Nunavut Impact Review Board on the land use application for Uranium North Resources Corporation's "Mining Exploration and Campsite at Amer Lake" Project Proposal, Kivalliq, Nunavut (NIRB 07EN047, INAC N2011C0025).

Under Article 12.4.4 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the Nunavut Impact Review Board is required to advise the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development of its screening decision on project proposals. As indicated in your letter, the Nunavut Impact Review Board has determined that this project proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The Nunavut Impact Review Board has also recommended terms and conditions that may be attached to regulatory approvals for the project. I would like to thank the Nunavut Impact Review Board for its diligence in reviewing this proposal.

In order to expedite the issuance of regulatory authorizations, it is important that the appropriate regulatory authorities are advised of the Nunavut Impact Review Board screening decisions. For this reason, I appreciate your efforts to copy the Land Administration Unit of the Department's Nunavut regional office on this and other screening decisions.

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Should you have questions or concerns regarding my reply, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Jeff G. Mercer, Manager of Land Administration, Nunavut Region, by phone at 867-975-4280 or by e-mail at jeff.mercer@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,



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