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To: 'Info at NIRB'; ahanson@nirb.ca
Cc: NunavummiutMakitagunarningit@gmail.com
Subject: RE: NIRB 09MN003: Makita Letter to the NIRB Regarding Review Timelines for the Kiggavik Project

Dear Derek,

The NSMA fully supports the Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit (Makita) request.

Interference with the natural cycle of land use of indigenous peoples is just one more cumulative effect of development on Aboriginal Cultural Rights that frequently go unrecognized, and unmitigated.

The NSMA will not be playing a major role in this environmental assessment, in any case, but it does have an interest in the historic transportation route between the Hudsons' Bay and Great Slave Lake, as well as the Ahiak caribou herd, whose range does cover a portion of our traditional territory. Our ability to participate in the environmental assessment will also be affected by the timing of activities. Spring and summer are always frantically busy for us, meaning both our staff and our members, who are involved in on-the-land activities. It is not just a simple matter of getting food, it is a time to revive spiritual relationships with the land and creatures with whom we share our lives, and on whom we depend for our livelihoods. It is a time to monitor and assess the conditions of the land and wildlife using traditional knowledge and practices, as well as science.

Meetings are much more suitable for the long fall and winter evenings when people are more likely to be willing to spend time indoors, and more willing to sit still rather than move around. Especially the youth, for whom all our environmental efforts are devoted.

I do hope that Areva is willing and able to adjust its schedule to accommodate aboriginal culture in the area of its project.

Cheers,

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Subject: NIRB 09MN003: Makita Letter to the NIRB Regarding Review Timelines for the Kiggavik Project

Dear Parties:

Please see the attached correspondence from the Nunavummiut Makitagunarningit (Makita) which was received by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on December 3, 2012. The NIRB will be providing a response to Makita within the next few days.

Regards,

Derek Ehaloak