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Dear Mr. Haefele

Ur Energy Inc. – Screech Lake - EA0607-003
GNWT Review of Draft Work Plan

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) has reviewed the above draft Work Plan and would like to put forward the following comment for consideration.

Page 7 of the draft Work Plan references compliance with the Species at Risk Act as an issue that came up in EA0506-003 (Table 1) but that the recent Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board (MVLWB) screening report did not identify SARA species as an issue. In GNWT's comments on the recent land use permit application referred to us by the MVLWB for review, we state clearly that there is the potential for Species at Risk (those on schedule 1, pending addition, or listed by COSEWIC) to be present in the area of the proposed project. These species include:

- Grizzly bear
- Wolverine
- Peregrine falcon
- Short-eared owl

The GNWT fully expects that the potential for adverse effects on these species be identified as well as mitigation and monitoring measures be put in place where necessary. In the GNWT's August 18th letter to the MVLWB, we've identified examples of mitigation and monitoring measures that we'd expect Ur Energy Inc. to implement during the course of their project (See attached letter). This is

consistent with SARA and best practice for species identified at risk in other processes (i.e. COSEWIC).

The GNWT also has concerns that Ur energy's application does not contain plan/measures to address or mitigate direct and indirect impacts to caribou in the area during the exploration program.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at 920-6106 or by e-mail at joel_holder@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joel M. Holder". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

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