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Dear Mr. MacDonald:

**RE: Comments on the Draft Workplan for EA0708-004 Bayswater Uranium Corporation
El Lake Mineral Exploration**

In response to the call for comments dated January 8, 2008, INAC is providing comments on the draft workplan issued by the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board.

INAC would like to highlight that the draft work plan for each of the environmental assessments includes development-specific elements. In INAC's opinion, these development-specific elements should be retained in the final work plans as this will assist in maintaining distinct evidence records for each of the four environmental assessments, and ensure that the precise nature of each development is taken into account.

As per discussions with representatives of the Board at the Draft Workplan teleconference on February 5, 2008, INAC requests that the Board clarify Section 2.2 to reflect that the Board will not exercise its authority to render a section 128 at the conclusion of the scoping phase without a public hearing being held.

INAC requests that the role of government be included in Section 5. This pertains to the role of government in the EA process including INAC's role as a regulatory body, a Responsible Minister, a Federal Minister and a technical advisor to the Review Board.

INAC requests that any documentation to be presented at the public hearing be made available on the Public Registry prior to the Hearing Date. If public hearings are held, INAC will participate.

If you have any questions about these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Lorraine Seale in Environment & Conservation (867) 669-2590, or myself at (867) 669-2501.

Sincerely,

David Livingstone
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