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Mr. Richard Edjericon Chair Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board 5102 – 50th Avenue PO Box 938 YELLOWKNIFE NT X1A 2N7

Dear Mr. Edjericon:

Thank you for your letter of May 25, 2009, concerning the closure of the environmental assessment for the Uravan Minerals Inc.'s South Boomerang Lake Proposed Mineral Exploration Program.

By copy of this letter, I am advising the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board that the Review Board has closed the environmental assessment proceedings for this project as a result of Uravan Minerals Inc.'s withdrawal of its Land Use Permit Application (MV2006C0008) from consideration at this time.

In light of the above, the Responsible Ministers and I will no longer be making a decision pursuant to section 130 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

Again, I thank the Review Board for its efforts in this matter.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl

c.c.: The Honourable Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP

The Honourable J. Michael Miltenberger, MLA

Mr. Willard Hagen Mr. Larry Lahusen



