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The Honourable Jim Prentice
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Re: Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board Decision - UR Energy

Dear Minister Prentice:

We would like to express our concern with the recommendation of the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (MVEIRB), dated May 7, 2007, to not issue a land use permit to UR Energy. If granted the land use permit would enable UR Energy to conduct a modest grassroots exploration program in the Screech Lake area of the Northwest Territories. We believe that the MVEIRB has exceeded its mandate and jurisdiction in that its decision would create, de facto, a protected area without going through the normal process outlined in the Parks Act or the NWT Protected Areas Strategy.

Strongbow Exploration will be seriously affected by this decision, as our primary exploration property is located in the southeast corner of the Akaitcho region of the NWT, where a \$3 million nickel exploration program is currently underway. We are also involved in two uranium exploration projects in the Thelon basin as part of a joint venture partnership with Bayswater Uranium Corporation.

Economic mineral deposits are hard to find. The mineral exploration process is very high risk, time consuming and uncertain, however, mines cannot be developed if exploration does not take place. The mineral exploration industry in Canada is dominated by 'junior' exploration companies. I am sure you are aware of the important impact Canada's diamond industry has had on the economy of the NWT. It is important, therefore, to note that all three of Canada's operating diamond mines (Ekati, Diavik and Jericho) were discovered through the initial exploration work of junior companies, as was the Snap Lake mine that is currently under development. The diamond deposits were found at a time when the Yellowknife gold mines were closing. It would be an interesting exercise to calculate a snapshot of what the NWT economy might look like today if junior companies and their investors not had the confidence to make their initial (and ongoing!) investments in the Territory.

The mineral potential of the NWT is considered the best in Canada. Challenges facing exploration companies include seasonal exploration windows and a lack of infrastructure,

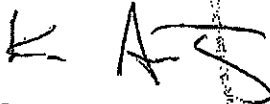
however, the life blood of a junior exploration company exploring in the NWT is convincing investors that it is a safe regulatory environment. Uncertainties surrounding the NWT regulatory environment, even before the Review Board's decision on the UR-Energy application, have made raising money to explore for minerals in the NWT far more difficult than it should be.

In light of the Review Board's recent decision, Strongbow now faces even more difficulty in raising exploration funds for our NWT nickel project. We are obliged to direct the attention of potential and existing investors to the Review Board's UR Energy decision as part of our disclosure on the risks related to investing in our company. The Review Board's decision has resulted in reduced investor interest in our company and has already forced Strongbow to redirect our shareholder's investment dollars to fund exploration of our properties in Saskatchewan and British Columbia.

Strongbow's board of directors and senior management have considerable experience exploring and developing mines in northern Canada. We believe mineral exploration activities can be carried out in a way that benefits northern communities and businesses while ensuring that the environment is respected. Indeed, references in the Review Board's decision to 'pristine wilderness' serve to underscore the minimal impact past mineral exploration activities have had on the local environment.

In summary, we would urge you refer the May 7 recommendation back to the Review Board for further consideration along with a strongly worded endorsement of a responsible mineral exploration industry within the NWT and Canada.

Sincerely,
Strongbow Exploration Inc.



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Honourable John Baird, Minister, Environment Canada
Honourable Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
Premier Joe Handley, Premier, Government of the Northwest Territories
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