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VIA EMAIL & FAX: (867) 766-7074

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

RE: Request for further submissions for EA0708-005 – Bayswater Uranium Corporation's Crab Lake Mineral Exploration Program

In response to the request for further submissions dated May 2, 2008, INAC is providing the following comments to the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board (Review Board).

INAC would like to reiterate the importance of ensuring that each development undergoing environmental assessment is assessed on a site specific basis and evaluated on its own merit. To this end, INAC would advise that distinct evidential records should be maintained to ensure that the precise nature of each specific development is taken into account.

INAC recognizes that it is the Review Board's discretion to determine whether hearings are required. If the Review Board determines that a hearing for this application is necessary, INAC will attend. INAC would like to note that the absence of a public hearing or prematurely concluding the public proceeding of the EA may preclude the opportunity for new meaningful evidence to be presented or ensuring that parties' views with respect to this particular development are clear.

INAC wishes to re-iterate that Bayswater's proposed Crab Lake exploration is actually located in the Dubawnt Watershed, which drains into the Lower Thelon River. Hence, the project is located in the Lower Thelon River Basin and not the Upper Thelon River Basin which was the area of concern in the UR-Energy Screech Lake EA. The proposed Crab Lake exploration project is, however, located in the Thelon Geological Basin. INAC feels that a map delineating the region of interest to the Review Board, alongside a clear delineation of the Upper Thelon River Basin, the Lower Thelon River Basin and the Thelon Geological Basin would be useful to all Parties to the EAs.

As per the decision of the Responsible Ministers in the UR Energy Screech Lake EA (EA0607-003), INAC is continuing with consultations in support of an Upper Thelon Land and Resource Management Plan. Future consultations are planned, and the Review Board will be kept current on the development of the plan as it progresses.

At this time INAC has no additional comments for the abovementioned EA, however the Review Board should continue to consider INAC's previous comments on Bayswater Uranium Corporation's Crab Lake mineral exploration program dated November 2, 2007, February 8, 2008 and April 7, 2008.

If you have any questions about these comments, please do not hesitate to contact Candace Ross in Environment & Conservation (867) 669-2407, or myself at (867) 669-2501.

Sincerely,

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