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From: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 5, 2009 11:01 AM
To: Williams, Raechelle SMIN:EX
Subject: Re: ELUC Order Uranium

Had a discussion with Rob Lapper this morning

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Greg

From: Williams, Raechelle SMIN:EX
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Sent: Thu Mar 05 10:41:27 2009
Subject: RE: ELUC Order Uranium

Thanks - will do - I have been keeping them in the loop so they have most of this but were asking yesterday whether we'll be going to ELUC - any developments in that regard?

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To: Eaton, Cindy EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: Uranium

From: Shlmskus, Jody EMPR:EX
Sent: Saturday, February 28, 2009 7:42 AM
To: Reimer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: Uranium

For your discussion with Jessica. Let me know if this is what you need

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Cc: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: Uranium

FYI Jody. This should be coming your way for reply.

Greg

From: Poole-Moffatt, Natalie EMPR:EX
Sent: Sunday, January 25, 2009 4:21 PM
To: Relmer, Greg A EMPR:EX
Subject: RE: Uranium

FYI - Blair received this today and I put it into the system for cliff

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Sent: Sat Jan 24 11:13:57 2009
Subject: Uranium

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Have you had any discussions with Boss Power? What has happened since we agreed that our go forward approach would be to negotiate a settlement?

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Sent: Wednesday, January 14, 2009 12:27 PM
To: Berdusco, Ricci EMPR:EX
Cc: Shimkus, Jody EMPR:EX; Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Subject: RE: Uranium Exploration BMP's

Ricci

In this instance, I defer the matter to Jody and John for their direction.

Regards,

DS

From: Berdusco, Ricci EMPR:EX
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2009 2:58 PM
To: Sweeney, Douglas E EMPR:EX
Cc: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX; Shimkus, Jody EMPR:EX; Morningstar, Butch EMPR:EX
Subject: RE: Uranium Exploration BMP's

Doug:

The proponent in question is Boss Power. They had tenure prior to our receipt of their application so discussions with Rick Conte would be moot. Based on the response from AG's as follows:

But in a statement of defence the province says the ban doesn't apply to Boss Power because it had registered its claim before the rules into effect

(this excerpt is from today's News reports compiled by Jake Jacobs) it suggests that MEMPR should begin processing of this application. Is this Regional Office to stand down on this application until advised otherwise? Is the matter being negotiated or in any way being dealt with out of Victoria? My concern is that this regional office is being specifically referenced as "not responding" and that concerns me.

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Greg

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Subject: RE: Boss power update

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<< File: Boss Power Corp-NOW-August 14 2008.pdf >>

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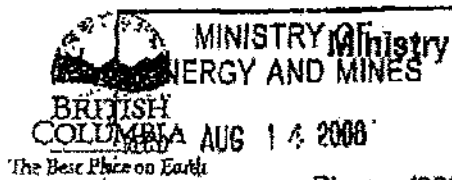
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<input type="checkbox"/> Original to follow in the Mail	Carey Henry Operations Coordinator 250-426-1335

Message:

Doug:
I have not responded
to this. My understanding
is that MEMP's position
on this with Boss Power
will be provided by
you. I would not be

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From: BOSS POWER CORP.

Fax: 250 426 1652

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Phone: 250 426 1252

Date: 8/12/2008

Re: NOTICE OF WORK - BLIZZARD PROPERTY

CC: MURRAY CLEMENS

Comments:

Ricci - Boss Power submitted a Notice of Work to your office in early April. Our delivery receipt shows it was received by your office on April 21.

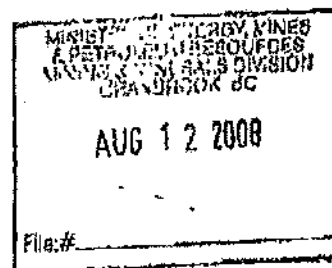
We have called and emailed on numerous occasions seeking a response to our NoW. The last time I called I was told the NoW was not received by your office and that no one had acted on it. However even Minister of State Kevin Krueger acknowledged that your office had received it.

We urgently request that your office respond to our NoW. We have complied with all the necessary Statutes in submitting our application and we are owed a response. Please follow up on this at your earliest convenience.

Patently awaiting your reply.

BOSS POWER CORP.

DR DAVID STONE, P.ENG.
PRESIDENT/CEO



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To: Phelan, Bill EMPR:EX
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Subject: FYI

As discussed.



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ADVICE TO MINISTER

CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE	Uranium Exploration in BC - Update
Ministry: Energy, Mines & Petroleum Resources Date: April 9/08; May 28/08 Minister Responsible: Hon. Richard Neufeld / Hon. Kevin Krueger Created by Public Affairs Bureau	

NEW INFORMATION IN BOLD

KEY FACTS REGARDING THE ISSUE:

The president of the BC Chamber of Commerce has stated publicly that his organization challenges the Province's decision to put a "no registration reserve" on uranium and thorium exploration in B.C.

The Chamber passed a resolution at its general meeting on May 24 condemning the decision. The Chamber says the ban is 'misguided and was made at the expense of B.C.'s reputation as a place to do business'.

On April 24, the Province announced it would not support the development of uranium in British Columbia and established a "no registration reserve" under the *Mineral Tenure Act* for uranium and thorium.

As well, the Province amended the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code to enhance the protection of workers who may encounter uranium during the exploration for other minerals, and to ensure protection of the public with respect to possible radiation from drill holes. The amendments also ensure that B.C. requirements for uranium protection for both workers and the public are consistent with national standards and guidelines.

BACKGROUND:

Saskatchewan is the only province with active uranium mining; Ontario and Quebec are promoting it and Nova Scotia has had a moratorium on uranium since 1982. The regulation of all nuclear substances (exploration, mining and production) is within federal jurisdiction; however, uranium may be encountered in the exploration or mining for other minerals.

The Energy Plan is clear that nuclear power will not be a part of B.C.'s energy supply mix. However, the plan does not address the question of whether the Province's uranium deposits should be used to fuel nuclear power plants in other jurisdictions. The Province has 196 known mineral occurrences that have some uranium, but has never had a producing mine. The Beaverdell area (near Kelowna) has the largest uranium deposit in the Province (known as the Blizzard Property), but the property is smaller and lower grades than other jurisdictions in Canada. It's believed that B.C. has relatively low potential to have economic uranium mines.

Since 1991, B.C.'s Health, Safety and Reclamation Code has included health and safety standards for mine workers who are incidentally exposed to uranium while engaged in exploration or mining for other minerals.

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- We've been clear about where the Province stands on the 'no registration reserve' on uranium and thorium exploration in B.C. and we told industry last year that we would not allow uranium mining in the Province.

- The decision simply formalized long-standing public opposition to mining radioactive materials in B.C.
- For some to say this decision sends the wrong message that B.C. isn't open for business is not true. Last year, B.C. set a record for mineral exploration – spending upwards of \$416 million.
- The Province only has about 200 existing mineral claims that show uranium content...the rest of B.C. boasts some 12,000 known and mapped mineralization areas to be explored.

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Subject: Fw: Uranium Cab Sub April 9.08.doc
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Sent: Sat May 03 16:27:48 2008
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From: Cho, Gayle EMPR:EX
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Cabinet Decision Document

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MINISTERS: Honourable Kevin Krueger, Minister of State for Mining
Honourable Richard Neufeld, Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum
Resources

TITLE:

Uranium in British Columbia

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RECOMMENDATION:

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Regulation of nuclear substances, including exploration, mining and production of uranium, is within federal jurisdiction. However, uranium may be encountered in the course of exploration or mining for other minerals. Accordingly, since 1991, the Province's Health, Safety and Reclamation Code has included safety standards for mine workers incidentally exposed to uranium while engaged in exploration or mining for other minerals.

Currently, Saskatchewan is the only Canadian province with active uranium mining. Ontario and Quebec are promoting uranium exploration, whereas Nova Scotia has had a moratorium on uranium mining and exploration since 1982 (

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Cc: Costa, Frank SMIN:EX; O'Rourke, Patrick EMPR:EX; Eaton, Cindy EMPR:EX
Subject: Uranium Cab Sub - draft for Discussion

Minister, attached is a draft of the uranium cabinet submission for discussion. Frank is going to set up a time today for Pat and I to meet with you and review it.

Greg



Uranium Cab Sub
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Sent: Fri Apr 25 12:01:35 2008
Subject: FW: Boss

FYI. I had asked if Boss had in fact submitted a notice of work.

From: Morningstar, Butch EMPR:EX
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 10:21 AM
To: O'Rourke, Patrick EMPR:EX
Subject: Boss

Pat, the answer is no. they have not received any application from Boss power. Chris Carr tells me however that Boss engaged Rescan to do their environmental work.

Butch Morningstar

Executive Director, Regional Operations

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NEWS RELEASE

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Resources

GOVERNMENT CONFIRMS POSITION ON URANIUM DEVELOPMENT

VICTORIA – The Province will not support the exploration and development of uranium in British Columbia and is establishing a "no registration reserve" under the *Mineral Tenure Act* for uranium and thorium, Minister of State for Mining Kevin Krueger announced today.

"By confirming our position on these radioactive minerals, we are providing certainty and clarity to the mining industry," said Krueger. "B.C. is an attractive place for mining exploration and investment and we are committed to fostering a healthy, productive industry."

The "no registration reserve" will ensure any future claims do not include the rights to uranium. Government will also ensure that all uranium deposits will remain undeveloped. These changes support the BC Energy Plan commitment of no nuclear power.

Uranium is present in many areas of the province and can be encountered while exploring for other mineral resources. Therefore, the Province will also amend the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code concerning exploration for minerals where uranium or thorium are incidentally encountered. The amendments are designed to enhance the protection of workers and the public during exploration-related activities. The amendments also ensure that B.C.'s standards for exploration are consistent with national standards and guidelines.

Today, there is no uranium mining in the province. Exploration and mining of uranium in Canada is regulated by the federal government through the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The only uranium mines operating in Canada are in Saskatchewan.

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Email re: Boss Power Update

Deb, pls Cliff this issue and return to me.

From: Phelan, Bill EMPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 2:49 PM
To: Conte, Rick EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: Boss power update

Hi John - I have. The message was the same as we had discussed on the phone

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I'll get more information to you (and Linda and

Karin) shortly.

Rick's branch will be responding to the letter.

Talk to you soon - Bill.

From: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2008 2:35 PM
To: Phelan, Bill EMPR:EX
Subject: FW: Boss power update

Bill,
Further to our meeting on uranium, have you briefed Greg?
Who will be answering letter from Boss Power?
Cheers
John

From: Sweeney, Douglas E EMPR:EX
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2008 4:22 PM
To: Cavanagh, John R EMPR:EX
Cc: Lefebvre, Dave EMPR:EX; Morningstar, Butch EMPR:EX; Bronstein, Ron EMPR:EX; Brino, Karina L EMPR:EX
Subject: Boss power update

John:

A new development. Cranbrook office received a letter August 12th from Boss Power (attached). Our office received a fax of this letter August 14th. It essentially demands that we respond to their notice of Work (NOW). As per your direction on the matter, and with the understanding that you have assumed the responsibility of Statutory Decision Maker of this file, I will not respond to the letter until such time as you give me instructions to the contrary.

Regards,

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