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Bill No. 39 An Act to Prohibit Uranium Exploration and Uranium Mining in *Nova Scotia*

Attached is a letter of concern.

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Gordon Hebb,
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Bill No. 39 An Act to Prohibit Uranium Exploration and Uranium Mining in *Nova Scotia*

Dear Committee Members:

As a mineral exploration company active in the industry in Nova Scotia we attended your session on Thursday 29 October 2009. We were disheartened to see that such an important issue and legislation is being directed by special interest groups opposed to mining and industrial development. Personal opinions and outdated misleading material seems to be the order of the day without regard for the science and engineering.

The professional environmentalists and the mining industry hosted a major conference on uranium mining and processing in Halifax this fall. This was an excellent opportunity for all sides of the issue to learn the latest facts from the top experts in the country. It was ignored by all but a few professionals. Government representation was dismal at best. Canada is a leader in the world in all aspects of the nuclear industry.

As a company we acquired exploration licenses excluding salt, potash, coal and uranium to enable us to evaluate strong mineralization models for lead – zinc - silver and tin - tungsten – molybdenum occurrences. Our models were enhanced by a release of details on a new lead – zinc – silver occurrence in granites south of Windsor by the Mines Branch in the fall of 2006. We encountered uranium mineralization in locations where we did not expect to find it and to a much more wide spread degree than anyone could anticipate. We pulled all our employees from the properties.

We immediately disclosed the information to the Mines Branch and guided Mines Branch representatives on a field trip to examine our work locations and the major occurrences of uranium. We have been awaiting instructions from the Mines Branch since the spring of 2008. At this point we will not conduct any exploration in the Province without specific direction from government. We have invested in excess of \$3,000,000 in Nova Scotia. Our exploration office is in Nova Scotia and we employ Nova Scotians.

We would be pleased to present all our confidential information to you should you have the interest.



This legislation is too important to the health and safety of Nova Scotians and the economy of the Province to be based on emotions and consideration of one side only. Nova Scotia has an abundance of uranium. Churches, playgrounds, homes, subdivisions, and schools are located in areas of high uranium concentrations. Residential development is proceeding without regard for the presence of uranium.

Industry requires strong regulations that insure all work is carried out to the highest standards to protect our environment. Investors need to know that if the rules are followed than the project can proceed and if they are not than they are out.

The existing view of Nova Scotia is that it is a “not in my back yard” province. Is it better to direct development of resources to third world countries where regulations do not exist or regulate controlled development?

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Gordon D Hebb - BILL 39 Ban on Uranium

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Dear Mr. Hebb,

After reviewing Bill 39 I have become very concerned that the Bill in its present form will have a major negative effect on the economy of Nova Scotia. As the law is proposed, it will make it virtually impossible to attract investment to the province.

The province already has a NOT IN NOVA SCOTIA reputation within the financial world already, the passing of Bill 39 in its current ill-willed nature will strengthen that opinion. This legislation as proposed is based solely on emotion and a deliberate combination of misinformation and junk science, with a complete disregard for existing technology and the actual nature of radioactive elements.

I am very concerned that the review panel on Bill 39 has only listened to the arguments on one side, that of the so-called *environmental activists*. These *environmental activists* consist almost entirely of politically motivated and/or emotionally motivated individuals, who are at best ill-informed on their understanding of science and society, and at worst are deliberately and maliciously misleading the Assembly for their own political and/or personal and/or financial gain at the expense of what's best for the province.

Do not our elected representatives have an obligation to look at all sides of an issue to ensure legislation is based on factual information and not just emotional arguments?

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