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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
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40-8943

Re: Docket No. 40-8943
License No. SUA-1534

Dear Mr. Holonich:

Crow Butte Resources, Inc. (CBR) is the operator of the Crow Butte *in-situ* leach (ISL) uranium mine near Crawford, Nebraska. CBR holds Source Material License SUA-1534 with the USNRC for the operation of the Crow Butte mine. This letter is written pursuant to 10 CFR §40.46 to inform the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) of an upcoming change in the ownership of one of the shareholders of CBR.

Currently, the shareholders of CBR are Geomex Minerals, Inc., a Delaware Corporation, (16 shares); Kepco Resources America, Ltd., a Colorado Corporation, (5 shares); and Uranerz U.S.A., Inc., a Colorado Corporation, (79 shares). Cameco Corporation has entered into an agreement to purchase all of the shares of Uranerz U.S.A., Inc. with closing likely to occur in late summer or early fall of this year pending completion of the due diligence process. Both before and after the purchase is complete, the shareholders of CBR and their share ownership will be the same; only the ownership of one of the CBR shareholders will have changed.

In keeping with the information requirements of 10 CFR §40.46, as outlined in NRC Information Notice 89-25, Rev. 1, the following points detail the effects of the share transfer on the license:

- 1) There will be no change to the name of CBR or its shareholders. Rather, Cameco Resources (U.S.) Inc., a Nevada Corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Cameco Corporation, will acquire 100% of Uranerz U.S.A., Inc.
- 2) There will be no change in the regulatory contacts at CBR.

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- 3) There will be no changes to the personnel listed in the license responsible for radiation safety or licensed material use. In addition, it is not contemplated at this time that changes will be made to the officers of CBR so that current officers (named below) will continue to serve following the purchase. The officers of CBR will be:

Steve Collings	President and CEO
Steve Magnuson	Vice President and Secretary
Ralph Knode	Vice President
William Doty	Treasurer
Jeff Welborn	Assistant Secretary

If the transaction closes, the three current appointees of Uranerz U.S.A., Inc. to the CBR Board of Directors will resign from the Board as a condition of the closing, and three new directors will be appointed by Uranerz after the purchase has been completed. The CBR Board of Directors will then consist of the three new appointees together with four of the current directors, Steve Collings, Crew Schmitt, B. Y. Lee and Gerald Grandey. The names of the new directors will be provided as soon as they are known.

- 4) There will be no changes to the organization, location, facilities, equipment, or procedures.
- 5) There will be no changes in use, possession, location or storage of licensed material.
- 6) As the facility will continue to operate as it is now, all records (i.e., surveillance, decommissioning, etc.) will continue to be collected and maintained in accordance with the license and NRC regulations.
- 7) As the facility will continue to be operated in accordance with its permit, no decontamination or decommissioning is required.
- 8) The restoration and decommissioning commitments will be maintained per the existing permit. The financial surety arrangement will remain unaffected by the transfer of ownership in Uranerz U.S.A. The letters of credit issued in the name of CBR will remain in effect, and CBR will maintain responsibility for decommissioning and restoration in accordance with the existing plan.

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- 9) There is no action regarding this purchase which would generate a license amendment or a revision to the Operations Plan.
- 10) Cameco Resources U.S., Inc. has indicated that it will provide any assurances necessary, in writing, should they be required.

In short, the purchase will not affect the day to day management and operation of CBR or impair CBR's ability to comply with the requirements of the Source Material license and NRC regulations. The shareholders will remain the same, and CBR will continue to have its own officers, directors, employees and other corporate attributes.

CBR requests confirmation from the NRC that this notification meets the NRC's notification requirements under 10 CFR §40.46. As time is of the essence, CBR would appreciate the above confirmation as soon as possible. We will be contacting you in the near future to discuss the timetable for the confirmation.

If you have any questions, or you require further information, please call me.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Collings
President, Crow Butte Resources, Inc.

cc: Ross Scarano, USNRC