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Mr. Robin DeLaBarre
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& Security, Room 33200 HST
Bureau of International Security
& Nonproliferation
U.S. Department of State
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Dear Mr. DeLaBarre:

Enclosed is an application (XSOU8840), dated December 2, 2015, received by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), from Iluka Resources Inc., for the export of 67,000 kilograms (kg) of natural uranium and 133,000 kg of natural thorium for the extraction of zirconium and rare earths for non-nuclear end uses.

Before taking action on this request, we would appreciate your views, in accordance with established procedures and from the overall perspective of the Executive Branch, as to whether the requested export meets the applicable criteria in the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended.

Sincerely,

Brooke G. Smith, Chief

Export Controls and Nonproliferation Branch

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Office of International Programs

Enclosure:

Application Dated 3/24/2016 XSOU8840 – China Docket Number 11006220

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