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January 13, 2000

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Office of International Programs
1 White Flint North
11555 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Attention: Ms. Betty Wright
Export/Import Licensing Officer

Subject: Uranium Oxide Concentrates to Ulba Metallurgical Plant, Republic of Kazakhstan

Dear Ms. Wright:

The attached is Global Nuclear Fuel - Americas, L.L.C.'s (GNF-A) original NRC license application for the export of 10,000 kilograms of uranium (KgU) to the Republic of Kazakhstan. The uranium is contained in approximately 50,000 kilograms of concentrates. The uranium concentrates are in the form of dry, non-irradiated uranium compounds that have the general consistency of coarse powder. These concentrates are a by-product of normal nuclear fuel fabrication and are not currently suitable for fuel fabrication without further processing. The concentrates will be processed into the form of ceramic grade UO_2 powder and the entire quantity of uranium less a small process loss will be returned to GNF-A for use in the fabrication of nuclear fuel. The uranium conversion services will be performed at the Ulba Metallurgical Plant at Ust-Kamenogorsk, Republic of Kazakhstan.

A license term of two years is requested.

Enclosed is GNF-A's check number 0014927225 in the amount of \$9,100.00 payable to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the processing of this request as required by law.

Your prompt assistance and contact with the U.S. State Department and Department of Energy as required is appreciated. Upon issuance of this license, please forward to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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