

November 17, 1999

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Subject: Application for Amendment to Licence NWB1NAN9702 for the Ocean View East Pit

The Nunavut Water Board received an application dated October 5, 1999 from Nanisivik Mine Ltd. for an amendment to Licence NWB1NAN9702 to mine a satellite ore deposit at Ocean View East Pit, five kilometres from the Nanisivik mine site.

The Board gave public notice of the application to interested parties on October 19, 1999 and published the notice of application in the October 25, 1999 issue of Nunatsiak News. In parallel to the application for amendment to the water licence, an application for a surface lease on Crown Lands for the same project was referred to NIRB for screening. The Board consequently waived the requirement of S. 13.5.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and did not send the application to NIRB for screening.

NIRB's screening decision on the surface lease application dated October 15, 1999 states that "(t)he decision of the Board in this case is 12.4.4 (a) the proposal may be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6; NIRB may recommend specific terms and conditions to be attached to any approval, reflecting the primary objectives set out in Section 12.2.5".

The Board gave interested parties until November 10, 1999 to submit comments to the Board. The following submissions were filed, a copy of which is attached hereto:

- Letter dated November 10, 1999 from Roxanne Beavers, DIAND;
- Letter dated November 1, 1999 from Chris Nichols, Department of Sustainable Development Nunavut.

Other submissions were also filed with NIRB during the screening process and are available upon request.

Before making a decision on this application, the Board will give the opportunity to all parties to reply and submit final comments to the Board. Final comments shall be received at the Board office before November 26, 1999, 5 p.m Central Time.

Do not hesitate to contact our office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rita Becker, Licensing Administrator  
Enclosures (2)