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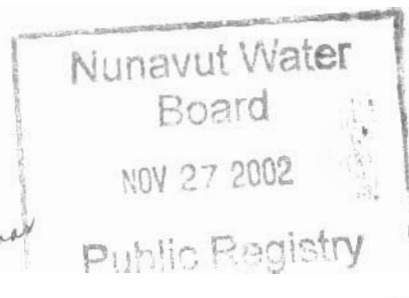
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Dear Mr. Kudloo:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 10, 2002, and renewed Nanisivik water licence.

I approve the renewal of this licence, pursuant to section 56(2) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and note with appreciation the consideration that the Board gave to the various issues that were raised by Indian and Northern Affairs Canada during the licence renewal process.

The closure and reclamation of the Nanisivik Mine requires a high degree of co-ordination between the various regulatory agencies and land owners at the site. The renewal of this licence provides the necessary direction and will form a legislative cornerstone to guide the completion of this reclamation work in an environmentally acceptable manner.

Yours sincerely,

Robert D. Nault, PC, MP