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**Re: Renewal of Water Licence 1AR-POL0311 (Reclamation and Post-Closure Monitoring of the Polaris Mine Site)**

Dear Mr. Donald:

This letter is in response to your recently submitted application for a Type “B” water licence to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board). Consistent with the Board’s policy and its recent handling of a similar matter<sup>1</sup> this letter provides you with some clarifications with respect to the approach required for the 1AR-POL0311 licence renewal.

As you may be aware from a review of the NWB’s previous decisions in the case of the Lupin Mine and the Nanisivik Mine, when the Board issues a licence, it applies not just to license an individual activity or group of activities that result in the use of water or deposit of wastes, but rather the Board’s licences apply to license an “undertaking” throughout its life cycle. In the case of Type “A” Water Licences such as 1AR-POL0311, the undertaking that is licensed is the closure, reclamation activities and post-closure monitoring associated with the Industrial Undertaking at the Polaris Mine. As the industrial undertaking (mine) triggered the requirement for a Type “A” Water Licence, until such time as the final abandonment and reclamation of the Industrial Undertaking is complete, the Board requires the undertaking to be licensed under a Type “A” Water Licence.

In the case of mines such as Nanisivik, Polaris and Lupin, where the major industrial or mining undertaking triggered the requirement for a Type “A” Water Licence, until that undertaking is finally abandoned and reclaimed, the type of licence required to licence that undertaking remains a Type “A” Water Licence. The Type “A” Water Licence is required regardless of whether the

<sup>1</sup> See recent letter issued by the Board to licence holder 1AR-NANA0914, available on the NWB's public registry at: <ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC/1%20INDUSTRIAL/1A/1AR%20-%20Remediation/1AR-NAN0914/2%20ADMIN/0%20GENERAL/>.





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