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

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Dear Mr. Donald:

This letter is in response to your December 31, 2013 letter regarding Teck Resources Limited Application to renew Water Licence 1AR-POL0311 as a Type "A".

Please note that we continue to work with our co-management partners at the Department of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) in order to help define those necessary conditions which, when met in full, may result in an undertaking being considered as having reached the final abandonment and reclamation stage and that may therefore no longer require a Licence from the Board. However, the standards, timelines and expectations for final abandonment under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* have not yet been developed, and in the interim, the Board will continue to rely on the evidence it receives from AANDC Inspectors and other expert interveners with respects to its determination of an undertaking's status.

As noted in your letter, the Board will now consider and process the application materials provided by Teck Resources Limited on August 31, 2013, originally submitted to support an application for a Type "B" Water Licence, as an application for the renewal of the expired former Type "A" Water Licence. As previously noted, the Board welcomes the opportunity to discuss mechanisms to streamline the specific information requirements associated with the required Type "A" Water Licence application and the Board's processing of your application to reflect the reduced scope of the licence to only reclamation and monitoring activities.



cc: Amanda Hanson, Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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