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RE: NWB file # NWB1POL Water Licence (Renewal)

The NPC has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan.

Attached, for your files, is a copy of the list of conformity requirements to which the applicant has undertaken to comply to.

Yours truly,

Brian Aglukark
Manager, Regional Planning

Attachment

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Submitted by Fax
Original mailed

Attention: Mr. Brian Aglukark, Manager, Regional Planning

Dear Sir:

Re: Compliance With Terms of NBRLUP With Respect to NWB file #NWB1POL Water Licence

In response to your letter dated October 17, 2002 please find attached our application to determine conformity with the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan related to our Water Licence application at the Polaris Mine for the decommissioning and reclamation of the site.

Please note that the Polaris Mine site is located on Government of Canada owned lands. It is my understanding that the NLCA states that land use planning applies to Inuit owned lands. However, we are in agreement with the objectives of the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and wish to comply as indicated in our responses on the attached application.

I have also included a cd containing a complete copy of the Polaris Mine Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan dated March 2001.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require further information.


Bruce Donald

Attachments (2)

cc: John Knapp (Teck Cominco)

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Application # NWB1 POL

NUNAVUT PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICATION TO DETERMINE CONFORMITY

WITH THE NORTH BAFFIN REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN

NUNAVUT PLANNING COMMISSION

BOX 419, Arviat, Nunavut

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All applicants for a project proposal shall comply with the requirements listed below.
The relevant sections of the plan are noted in each requirement.

GENERAL

- 2. Environmental Protection:** s3.3.11.8: The applicant undertakes to prevent any new occurrences of pollution, garbage and contamination at the site of the development.

Yes ☒ (see note below 3.) No

- 3. Removal of Fuel Drums:** s3.3.11.8: The applicant undertakes to remove all drums safely from the site and dispose of the drums in a safe manner.

Yes ☒ (see note below) No

***Note:** Approval of the Polaris Mine Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan (March 2001) includes the burial of non-hazardous material in engineered landfills on site. It is our intent to dispose in an approved landfill, any empty fuel barrels (after confirming that all residual fuel has been removed). Any residual fuel remaining at the completion of the project will either be removed from the island for use elsewhere or incinerated in an incinerator designed for this purpose.*

- 5. Old Site Restoration and Clean Up:** s3.3.11.2: The applicant undertakes to clean up the site and restore the site to its original condition to the greatest extent possible, including any work required due to the applicant's action prior to this application.

Yes ☒ No

- 6. Low-Level Air Flights:** Appendix C, s3: Will the applicant avoid all low-level flights?

Yes No ☒

- i. If not, explain why such flights are or may be absolutely necessary.

The site has a registered landing runway that will be in use through out the decommissioning and reclamation of the site. Personnel and supplies must be transported to and from the site on a regular basis.

- ii. If such flights are or may be absolutely necessary, will they avoid disturbance to people and wildlife?

The airstrip is located in the middle of the active minesite area and as such will not disturb people not working on the project or wildlife.

- iii. If not, explain why it is not possible to avoid such disturbance.

7. Caribou Protection Measures s3.3. 1. 7 and Appendix D: Will the applicant comply with the Caribou Protection Measures outlined in section 2.4.6 and in Appendix D?

Yes ☒ No

9. Polar Bear Denning Areas and Walrus Haul-outs: s3.3.1.8: Will the applicant keep its activities away from any polar bear denning area or walrus haul-out?

Yes ☒ No

HERITAGE RESOURCES

10. **Reporting of Archaeological Sites:** s3.3.9.3 and Appendix C, s2 and s8: Will the applicant immediately report the discovery of all suspected archaeological sites to the Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (GN)?

Yes ☒ No

MINING

11. **Mining Development:** s3.3.4.4 & s3.3.4.5: Is the proposal for mining development?

Yes No ☒

If yes, include with the application a mine closure *and* restoration plan, and the proof of complete financial guarantees for the abandonment and restoration of the site.

12. **Negative Effects:** s3.3.4.6: Has the applicant planned to minimize the negative effects of its activity on the environment?

Yes ☒ No

Include with the application the mitigative measures developed.

Note: The primary objective of the project is for the decommissioning and reclamation of the land to mitigate the impacts from mining activity. A cd of the complete Polaris Mine Decommissioning and Reclamation Plan (Closure Plan) will be attached to the mailed version of this document. The Nunavut Water Board is also planning to have a complete copy of the Closure Plan on its' ftp site by the end of October, 2002.

13. **Hunting Restrictions:** s3.3.4.9: The applicant is informed of any special hunting restrictions that may apply to the area and will strictly enforce them at its mine site and along transportation routes.

Yes ☒ No

14. **Carving Stone Deposits:** Appendix C, s9. Will the applicant report any discoveries of carving stone deposits to the Qikiqtaaluk Inuit Association?

Yes ☒ No

OIL AND GAS

15. **Oil Spills:** s3.3.5.5: Does the proposal involve works relating to the exploitation of oil. Or gas resources?

Yes No ☒

i. If yes, include with the application a spill contingency plan.

ii. In the case of oil, also include relevant documents showing that the applicant has demonstrated to the communities most likely to be affected, how it would respond to oil spills in water.

16. Negative Effects: s3.3.5.7: Has the applicant planned to minimize the negative effects of its activity in the environment?

Yes **X (Refer to the Closure Plan)** No

Include with the application the mitigative measures developed.

22. Code of Good Conduct for Land Users: Appendix C: The applicant undertakes to adhere to the code of Good Conduct at all times.

Yes **X** No

I, Bruce Donald (name of applicant), certify that the information I have given in this application is true and correct and hereby make the above undertakings which form part of my application for a project proposal within the meaning of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

Date: October 30/02 Signature of Applicant: 