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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

December 1, 2014

Oleesee Akeeagok
Grise Fiord, NU

Re: Letter of Invitation to Youth Community Representative from Grise Fiord to participate in the Nunavut Water Board's Public Hearing for the Polaris Mine Project Type "A" Water License Application

Public Hearing dates: December 4 and 5, 2014, Resolute Bay, NU

Travel dates: Kenn Borek Air, December 4 and 6, 2014

Dear Liza:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) would like to invite you to participate in the Public Hearing it will be holding for the Polaris Mine Project Type A Water License Application (the Application), submitted by Teck Resources Limited (Proponent). The Public Hearing is scheduled to occur in Resolute Bay from December 4-5, 2014 (Public Hearing).

Polaris Mine was an underground zinc and lead mine located on little Cornwallis Island in Nunavut, approximately 100 kilometers north of Resolute Bay. The mine is operated and own by Teck Resources Limited. The former mine operated between 1981 and 2002 and was decommissioned in 2003 and 2004.

Since mine closure, ten years of monitoring information has been collected in accordance with the expired water licence 1AR-POL0311.

A renewal amendment of the water licence was submitted by Teck. Teck's proposal includes a long term Monitoring Program, a remediation in the amount of security and water licence term of 15 years.

In order to hear submissions from the members of communities that are potentially affected by the proposed Polaris Mine project, the NWB is inviting representatives, such as you, to participate, in person, in the Public Hearing proceedings. The NWB has invited representatives from one (1) community identified by the NWB and the Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO) as potentially affected by this Application, namely **Grise Fiord**, to provide input into the process conducted by the NWB during its consideration (and eventual decision) regarding the Application.



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The Members of the Board responsible for making the decision regarding this Application will be in attendance at the Public Hearing and want to hear the comments, questions, concerns and issues from your community about the Application.

In this role, you will be expected to attend all Public Hearing sessions in Resolute Bay, from Thursday, December 4 to Friday December 5, 2014 (inclusive), and you will be given an opportunity to not only provide your information to the Board Members directly, but also to ask questions of the Proponent and the other parties at the Public Hearing as well.

Transportation Details

The NWB will provide transportation to Resolute Bay on Thursday, December 4, 2014 and returning to their community on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Please note that the **NWB cannot make changes to the above schedule and itinerary.**

Per Diems Allowance

The NWB will offer a per diem allowance to each representative for each full day they attend (in accordance with Treasury Board of Canada policies). This will help cover the cost of meals and other incidental items, at rates in line with those paid by government organizations.

Note that the NWB is unable to offer honoraria to community representatives at the Public Hearing.

Orientation to the Public Hearing

The Public Hearing will begin on Thursday, December 4, and the NWB will be holding a brief information meeting for the community representatives **prior to the beginning of the Public Hearing**. This meeting is meant to help prepare participants for what to expect and how they can participate during the Public Hearing. When all representatives have been confirmed, more information regarding this meeting will be provided to each.

Accommodations Details

The representatives will be staying at South Camp Inn in Resolute Bay. Shuttle services will be provided to and from the Airport.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Ben Kogvik:

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Thank you again for agreeing to contribute to this important part of the water licensing process, we look forward to seeing you at the Public Hearing in Resolute Bay.

Sincerely,

David Hohnstein
Director of Technical Services/ Acting Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board