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Thomas Kudloo Chairperson Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119, Gjoa Haven, NU X0E 1J0

Dear Mr. Kudloo:

Please find attached Environment Canada's submission to the Nunavut Water Board in connection with the scheduled Public Hearing concerning Teck Cominco's application for the renewal of Water Licence N4L2-0262 / NWB1POL for the abandonment and reclamation of the Polaris Mine. An Environment Canada representative will be in attendance at the public hearing to make a formal presentation of this intervention, and will be available to respond to any questions which the Water Board members, applicant, or the public may have concerning the issues raised by Environment Canada in the submission.

Should you wish clarification on any aspect of the submission prior to the public hearing please contact Colette Meloche at (867) 975-4639.

Sincerely,

CC:

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