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# Executive Summary

Public Hearing

Water Licence #1AR-POL0311  
Polaris Mine Site  
Teck Resources Ltd.  
Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut

December 4, 2014

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Water Licence #1AR-POL0311, Renewal Application

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (the Department) is an interested party in the Nunavut Water Board's review of Teck Resource Ltd's (Teck) application to renew and amend its Type 'A' Water Licence for the Polaris mine site property. Pursuant to federal legislation, the Department is tasked with managing Nunavut's freshwater resources under the DIAND Act and the Nunavut Waters and Surface Rights Tribunal Act. The renewal is a result of the current water licence expiring on December 31, 2011.

Since the August 18, 2014 technical meeting and the pre-hearing conference the Department and Teck have engaged in several discussions on outstanding issues with respect to the renewal application. Through these discussions the Department and Teck have come to agreements on all outstanding issues. The agreements that were made on these issues are described below:

- 1) The Department and Teck have agreed upon the proposed long-term geo-technical monitoring program be implemented under the condition that, if on-site conditions warrant, the frequency of geotechnical inspections would be increased.
- 2) The Department and Teck have agreed upon the proposed long-term water quality monitoring program be implemented under the condition that, if on-site conditions warrant, the frequency of monitoring events would be increased.
- 3) The Department and Teck have agreed upon a security amount of \$1,564,994.
- 4) The Department and Teck have agreed that signs, instead of fencing or boulder rings, be erected to mitigate potential safety issues from subsidence.
- 5) The Department will also provide Teck an update on end of mine life procedures and process considerations and the potential to Cancel a Type A Water Licence.

The Department will be participating and providing a short presentation on the above issues at the upcoming Public Hearing on December 4, 2014.