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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: 1BR-BRA

May 18, 2006

Natalie Plato, Director
Contaminated Sites
Indian & Northern Affairs Canada
PO Box 2200
Iqaluit NU X0A 0H0

Subject: Indian & Northern Affairs Canada – Bray Island Project – New

Dear Ms. Plato:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of your application for new licence on March 13, 2006 for water use and waste disposal associated with site remediation and camp operations for the Bray Island Project, in the Qikiqtani region. The application, a copy of which can be obtained from our ftp site (<http://ftp.nunavut.ca> in folder nwb / 1BR and sub-folder 1BR-BRA) or by contacting our office, consists of the following items:

- cover letter dated March 3, 2006
- water license application form, received March 13, 2006
- supplementary questionnaire, received March 13, 2006
- 2 maps, received March 13, 2006
- summary in English and Inuktitut, received March 13, 2006
- Abandonment & Restoration Plan received March 13, 2006
- Spill Contingency Plan received March 13, 2006
- MSDS Sheets received March 13, 2006
- NIRB Screening Forms received March 13, 2006
- Remediation Schedule received March 13, 2006
- Detailed Work Plan received March 13, 2006
- Scientific Work Application March 13, 2006
- INAC Permit Application March 13, 2006

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* ("Act"). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

The NWB Technical Advisor Sarah Gagne (867) 873-8948 assigned to your application may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

However, before your application can be processed further by the NWB, it is subject to sections 38(1) to 38(5) of the Act and therefore must first be reviewed by the **Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)** to determine its conformity with an approved land use plan. **By copy of this letter to the NPC, we are formally asking our sister board to undertake this determination and inform the NWB of its decision.**

Pursuant to Section 13.7.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement this application is of a class that does not require a public hearing, and is therefore exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, as per Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA. We are consequently requesting **NPC to forward the application back to the NWB** when its determination is complete.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representations directly to the NWB within 30 days from the date of this letter. Please note that Spill Plan & Abandonment & Restoration Plan was also received with the application and require review. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Trainee

Enclosure: Notice of Application

cc: Qikiqtani Distribution List