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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada comments on 1BR-CAM0520 Water Licence Renewal Application

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your August 11, 2020 email invitation for review and comment on the above-referenced water licence renewal application. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*, reviewed the application and would like to provide the following comment to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for consideration.

CIRNAC notes that, based on information provided in the 2019 Monitoring Report of the project submitted to the NWB, soil and groundwater sampling were not conducted in 2019. CIRNAC is also aware of the logistic difficulty in obtaining sufficient volume of groundwater for the required analysis at other similar project sites and would like to recommend that should this potential difficulty occur at this site in the future, other effective measures be considered and implemented so that the mobility of all the potential contaminants of concern associated with the groundwater could be monitored and assessed.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4555 or david.zhong@canada.ca, or Mr. Godwin Okonkwo, Manager of Water Resources, at (867) 975-4550 or godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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