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NWB File No: NWB1CUL 0207

May 5, 2003

Vernon Betts
Western Canada Environment Manager
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Re: Application Acknowledgement and Requirement for Notice of the Application for an Amendment to the Approved Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the Encapsulation of Waste Rock near Shear Lake

Dear Mr. Betts:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on April 7, 2003 of your water licence amendment application. Your application included the following items:

- Cover letter dated March 28, 2003
- Application to amend dated March 2003
- Assessment of Closure Options and Impacts dated March 28, 2003

In order to complete your application we require your application fee of \$30.00, in cheque form, made payable to "Receiver General for Canada".

This project is currently being reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission, will be screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board for their determination as to whether they require further review, or if it can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a notice of your application is required. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, a notice in both English and Inuktitut will be posted for a period of 30 days, with local establishments in Arviat. Copy of the notice will be available to you during the distribution process.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or nwblic@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
A/Licensing Administrator