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By Email and Regular Mail

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Subject: Licence NWB1CUL0207 Annual Geotechnical Report

Dear Mr. Martschuk;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the receipt of the 2003 Annual Geotechnical Report as required under Part C, Item 1(d) of Water Licence NWB1CUL0207.

Information received was distributed for review on March 2, 2004, to provide comments and recommendations by the closing date of March 16, 2004. No significant comments were received and the report is hereby accepted as submitted per Licence requirements.

For future reporting, the Board requests that the report be written to include the site history and background information along with any previous inspection concerns. This will help with review and interpretation of findings and provide some fluidity to the reports. As past inspections have not been required on an annual basis, tracking of information is not always easy.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

David Hohnstein, C.E.T.
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