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Subject: Cullaton Lake Project

INAC is in the process of reviewing the implementation and results of the adaptation and reclamation plan for the Cullaton Lake project in the Kivalliq Region. The water licence for Cullaton Lake expires in September 2007 and Barrick had indicated to INAC, as the land permitter, and the NWB that they would like to consider Cullaton Lake for final closure.

INAC hired BGC to review of the Cullaton Lake mine closure work as part of this process and has received a report. Because Barrick, the owner of the Cullaton Lake project, has not had an opportunity review the BGC report and recommendations, the report has not yet been provided to the Nunavut Water Board.

However, BGC has recommended, which we are sharing with the NWB, that INAC should:

- complete an internal review of BGC's report and formulate consensus on issues and concerns.
- inform the Nunavut Water Board of results of review sufficiently before the water licence expires in September 2007. The Water Board will need to set new terms and conditions that address the issues raised in the report within the next few months.
- send a copy of BGC's report and INAC's internal review to Barrick for they review and comment.
- arrange a meeting with the NWB to develop agreement on the issues and priorities, including timing for reviewing the water licence.
- conduct a site visit/field program with Barrick representatives to: obtain samples as required; discuss requirements for each issue while on the ground; review and fix and/or install instrumentation. One water sampling trip should be in the spring during freshet with another trip in late summer to verify depth to permafrost.
- suggest a meeting with INAC, Barrick and NWB to review the issues.
- convene a technical meeting with INAC, NWB and Barrick, as well as respective technical consultants (Trow, BGC, NHC, MESH, etc.) to present the findings of the review and to allow Barrick to respond. A work plan should be developed jointly, including review of site monitoring and instrumentation requirements, verification of post-closure stability and preliminary guidelines for the water licence application.

INAC is planning to conduct an inspection of the site in late June 2007. David Abernethy will be providing the Nunavut Water Board with additional information from the review by BGC as INAC proceeds with its internal review. At that time, we would like to arrange a meeting with the Nunavut Water Board to discuss the recommendations of the BGC report and determine the route that the NWB plans to take to re-licence Cullaton Lake.