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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

July 31, 2003

Glen Stephens
Manager of Environment
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ottawa ON K1A 0H4

Subject: NWB5RES9803 Request for extension/renewal

Dear Mr. Stephens:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt of your request for extension of July 31, 2003 for NWB5RES9803 as this relates to your water licence that expires on July 31, 2003.

The application was received by the Board on April 7, 2003 and was sent to the Nunavut Impact Review Board for screening on April 25, 2003. NIRB provided notice on July 18, 2003, that "as the project has not changed since the original screening, the Board [NIRB] will not be re-screening at this time." Following receipt of NIRB's determination, the NWB undertook its final technical review of the application and determined that clarification on several issues was required and sent notice to applicant on July 24, 2003. The Board received supplemental information on July 25, 2003.

The Board further acknowledges that through no fault of your own, the Applicant will find itself without a valid water licence as of August 1, 2003, in apparent contravention of the legislation. To cure this default, the NWB decides in the interim to renew the term of licence NWB5RES9803 until such time as the Board can finalize the application for renewal, in any case no longer than a total of thirty days, effective August 1, 2003. We will be in touch with you shortly.

Please contact me at your convenience if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

cc. S. Briscoe, Executive Director NIRB