Water Resources Division Nunavut Regional Office Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Monday, June 30, 2008

Richard Dwyer Licence Administrator Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Re: 1BR-ROB, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Roberts Bay Project, Kitikmeot Region, New Licence Application

Dear R. Dwyer:

The Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Nunavut Regional Office (NRO) Water Resources Division reviewed the October 12, 2006 water license application and the October 30, 2007 additional information submitted to the Board by the INAC Contaminated Sites Directorate.

The following advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

- The INAC NRO Water Resources Division supports the INAC NRO Contaminated Sites Directorate water license application for the Roberts Bay Project.
- The project's water license should have a term of at least five (5) years.
- The January 2007 Remedial Action Plan prepared by AMEC Earth and Environmental should be considered as the Roberts Bay Project Remediation and Closure Plan. This was noted by the Contaminated Sites Directorate in item 38 of the June 21, 2006 Supplementary Questionnaire. The Contaminated Sites Directorate should be asked to clearly indicate to the Nunavut Water Board that the recommendations of its consultants are the same as the requested license terms and conditions.



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 An up-to-date hazardous materials spill contingency plan should be provided to the Board prior to the commencement of project activities. This plan should reference hazardous material storage locations, hazardous materials management practices, on-site personnel contact information, the Nunavut Spill Report Form, and relevant Material Safety Data Sheets.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests notification of any changes in the proposed project, as further review may be necessary. Please contact me should you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing. I can be reached by telephone at (867) 975-4555 or email at <a href="mailto:AbernethyD@inac-ainc.gc.ca">AbernethyD@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a>.

Regards, *Original signed by* 

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