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2BE-VLP----
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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the Licence Application for Victory Lake Project, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-VLP----

Dear Richard Dwyer,

Thank you for the 6 May 2026 invitation to review the new licence application, submitted by 1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration), for Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-VLP----

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find CIRNAC comments and recommendations in the attached Technical Memorandum.

The applicant shall provide confirmation from the Nunavut Water Board that all outstanding water license fees have been paid in full prior to approval of this application.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact William Quere at william.quere@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or (873) 452-1981 Or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or Andrew.keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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Technical Review Memorandum

Date: 5 June 2026

To: Richard Dwyer – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: William Quere – Regional Coordinator, CIRNAC

Subject: **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada’s Review of the Licence Application for Victory Lake Project, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-VLP----**

Region: Kitikmeot Kivalliq Qikiqtani

A. BACKGROUND

1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd) is seeking a Type B water licence to engage in Mineral exploration for two years at Victory Lake Project. Victory Lake Project lies 180 km west of Rankin Inlet in the Kivalliq region. The applicant intends to use camps outside of the project area located at Ferguson Lake: (62° 53' 35.5019" N, 96° 54' 19.0126" W), OR Quartzite Lake: (62° 25' 8.8708" N, 94° 38' 2.5726" W), OR Rankin Inlet, OR Whale Cove, OR Baker Lake to support the project. The applicant proposes to access the drilling sites by travelling over snow and ice with snowmobiles and snowcat. This travel will also be supplemented by helicopter and twin otter when needed. Due to this, the applicant will use up to 50m³ a day of water for drilling alone.

CIRNAC provides the following comments and recommendations pertaining to the application package. A summary of the subjects of recommendations can be found in Table 1. Documents reviewed as part of this submission can be found in Table 2 of Section B. Detailed technical review comments can be found in Section C.


Table 1: Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation Number	Subject
R-01	Waste Management
R-02	Temporary Structures
R-03	Closure and Reclamation

B. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND REFERENCED

The following table (Table 2) provides a list of the documents reviewed under the submission and reference during the review.

Table 2: Documents Reviewed and Referenced

Document Title	Author, File No., Rev., Date
260220 2BE-VLP--- 1517081 B.C. Ltd. Consultation Log V1.1-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd)
260220 2BE-VLP---- Cert of Registration-IMLE	Nunavut, Nov 2025
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd NPC 150967-IMLE	NPC, Jan 2026
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd Waste Mgt Plan V1.1-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), Nov 2025
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd. Closure Recl Plan V1.1-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), Nov 2025
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd. Spill Fuel MgtPlan V1.2-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), Feb 2026
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd. Vic Lake Proj Summary (en)-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), ND
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd. Victory Lake Detailed Project Summary-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), ND
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd. Water Application-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), Feb 2026
260220 2BE-VLP---- 1517081 B.C. Ltd.Wildlife Mgt Plan V1.2-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), Feb 2026
260220 2BE-VLP---- Cert of Good Standing-IMLE	BC, Nov 2025
260220 2BE-VLP---- Cert of Incorporation-IMLE	BC, Dec 2024
260220 2BE-VLP---- Consultation Log-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), ND



Document Title	Author, File No., Rev., Date
260220 2BE-VLP----- Maps Water Application-IMLE	1517081 B.C. Ltd (Victory Exploration Ltd), ND



C. RESULTS OF REVIEW

1. Waste Management

Comment:

In the General application section 15, only muddy water is listed as waste. There is a concern that other wastes mentioned in the application as a whole are not detailed.

Recommendation:

(R-01) CIRNAC recommends the applicant provide details on waste management of items mentioned throughout the application. This applies to cocomattng, timber, grey water produced while cooking at the drill site, hazardous waste, and any other domestic waste. Further, the applicant need ensure that waste management is consistent across plans. Wastes mentioned in the Wildlife Management plan, the Waste Management plan, and the General application are currently inconsistent.

2. Temporary Structures

Comment:

While camps will be based outside of the project area, temporary structures in the project area have been mentioned and not described. There is a concern that more infrastructure and water use will be built than is accounted for in the plans.

Recommendation:

(R-02) CIRNAC recommends the applicant describe what temporary structures will be necessary for drill sites including the mentioned cooking area (including grey water deposition or backhauling), shelters, and toilets along with their estimated water use.

3. Closure and Reclamation Plan

Comment:

The Closure and Reclamation plan provides general information on the project closure however it does not mention temporary closure procedures or regulator involvement.

Recommendation:

(R-03) CIRNAC recommends that temporary closure plans and procedures be added to the plan. Further, for final closure, areas of disturbed vegetation, including those at the temporary camps, fuel caches, and drill sites, should be photographed and managed in consultation with the CIRNAC Inspector.