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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

**File No: 2BE-MSX0712**

July 21, 2008

Mr. Gary Vivian, M.Sc., P.Geol.  
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Subject: Silvermet Inc. – Musko Project – Amendment – Type “B”

Dear Mr. Vivian:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt, on July 8, 2008, of an amendment application for a Type “B” water license for water use and waste disposal associated with activities in the Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. The application consists of the following documents:

- Letter dated June 30, 2008 to Jeff Holwell, INAC from Aurora Geosciences
- Letter dated June 30, 2008 to NWB, from Aurora Geosciences
- Email correspondence pertaining to the file
- INAC Inspection dated January 21, 2008
- Area Maps
- Water License Application Form
- Cover Letter dated July 8, 2008
- Letter summaries, English and Inuinaqtun

The application can be obtained from our ftp site, User name: public, Password: registry at the following link: <ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/> or by contacting our office. Please refer to the files in the new ftp location folder entitled PRUC and follow the path in 2 – MINING AND MILLING to 2BE-MSX.

The NWB undertook a preliminary review of your application and concluded that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). However, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or to issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act. A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* (“NLCA”), prior to the application being fully processed by the NWB the project proposal shall be reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (“NPC”), to determine whether the project proposal is in conformity with an approved land use plan. By copy of this letter, the NWB requests the NPC provide its determination and recommendations to the NWB pursuant to Sections 13.4.2 through 13.4.5 of the NLCA, or written confirmation that the project proposal falls outside the boundaries of an approved land use plan. Also, by copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”), the NWB requests that if the project proposal requires screening, the NIRB provide the NWB with a determination pursuant to Section 13.5.1 of the NLCA. If the project proposal is exempt from screening pursuant to Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA, the NWB requests written confirmation from the NIRB of the exemption.

To ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB forwards notice of all documentation to regulators and council of the municipality(ies) most affected by the project, inviting interested parties to make representation directly to the NWB **within 30 days from the date of this letter.** The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Subject to Sections 12.10.2 and 13.5.5 of the NLCA, where a review is required pursuant to Article 12, the NWB shall not approve any water application that forms part of that review until Article 12 has been complied with.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Phyllis Beaulieu  
Manager of Licensing

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: NPC Conformity  
Leslie Payette - NIRB  
Distribution List – Kitikmeot