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**RE: 120614 2BE-MSX0712 Amend Renew Application**

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned renewal application as submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Silvermet Inc. is applying to the NWB to renew and amend water license 2BE-MSX for their Muskox Project. The proposed one year renewal will allow for clean up and remediation activities for the site and the amendment will remove Part I Item 9 of the existing water license, the requirement to permanently cap drill holes, as no artesian conditions were found during previous drilling activities. The proponent is also requesting permission for limited open burning of wood products as part of the site remediation activities.

EC has no comments at this time regarding the license renewal and amendment so long as the proponent continues to be in compliance throughout the duration of the renewed water license. Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2BE-MSX, specifically those regarding a previous request for permission for open burning, would still apply. If there are any additional proposed changes to the project EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at [Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca).

Yours truly,



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