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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: 3BC-ERI----

January 19, 2010

Keith Dewing
Geological Survey of Canada
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Subject: Geological Survey of Canada – Ellef Ringnes Island Project – New – Type “B”

Dear Mr. Dewing:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt, on January 11, 2010, of a new application for a Type “B” water license for water use and waste disposal associated with exploration activities in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut. The application consists of the following documents:

- Water licence application received January 11, 2010
- Supplemental Questionnaire received January 11, 2010
- Inuktitut & English Summary received January 12, 2010
- Location map received January 12, 2010
- NPC & NIRB determinations received January 12, 2010
- Spill Plan received January 19, 2010

The application can be obtained from our ftp site, **Username: public, Password: registry.**

A preliminary review of your application 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Original Signed By:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Application
Letter to Local Organizations

Cc: Qikiqtani Distribution List