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**RE: NWB FILE # 8BC-TAD – CITY OF IQALUIT – TRAIL AREA QUARRY
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Dear Mr. Dwyer:

The Government of Nunavut (GN), Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the water licence application from the City of Iqaluit for the Trail Area Quarry Development project near Iqaluit. Based on the DOE legislative mandate under the *Environmental Protection Act*, we have the following comments and recommendations to make:

- Page 2 of *the Trail Area Deposit Executive Summary*” indicated that initially stockpiling and processing of quarried materials will be carried out at the North 40 Quarry site which is currently contaminated with asbestos and other contaminants such as hydrocarbons. The DOE therefore requests that the proponent ensures the stockpiling and processing sites are free of contaminants and/or are reclaimed to an approved standard prior to the project activities taking place.
- The source of granular materials that will be used to construct the 1.3 km access road was not identified in the licence application, and the proponent should clarify this. It is important the granular materials used for construction are not contaminated.
- Slope of quarry pits should have a horizontal to vertical ratio of 2 to 1 for public safety purposes.
- For site reclamation purposes, top soil should be salvaged and set aside near the quarry pit, to promote re-vegetation and restoration of the site.

We thank the NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Trail Area Quarry Development project water licence application. Please contact us if you have any further questions or comments.

Yours sincerely,

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