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SUBJECT: Application for Water License, West Central Baffin Island.

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Rita,

Enclosed is an application for a new NWB Water License, for mineral exploration on west central Baffin Island by Cominco Ltd. Surface exploration work planned for July, 2001 is a continuation, in part, of reconnaissance surface mineral exploration conducted in the Borden Basin on northern Baffin Island by Cominco Ltd. between 1995 and 1999. The work planned for Baffin Island in 2001 is similar to the current program on Ellesmere Island, for which we just submitted our application for renewal of the existing water license.

Planned work will be done by a field crew of 5, for a period of approximately 4 weeks, commencing in mid July. Work would be done throughout a contiguous block of 11 DIAND Prospecting Permits held in good standing by Cominco Ltd., covering the Flint Lake area, between Ikpiq Bay and the Barnes Ice Cap. The base camp will be a remote, temporary tent camp located north and west of Flint Lake, with the specific site yet to be determined. Work will include geological mapping and prospecting, and stream and soil geochemistry. Daily foot traverses will be done by teams of two people, with set-outs and pick-ups serviced by a dedicated helicopter based at camp. There is a contingency in the program for mineral claim staking, but none is planned.

An application for Access to Inuit Owned Land was submitted in December, 2000, because the project area covers Inuit Owned land both north and south of Flint Lake. A DIAND Land Use Permit for work on the permit block has also been submitted. Officials at Grise Fiord, including the Mayor and HTA chair, have been consulted to solicit concerns with the program, and interest for employment in the field, and I will visit the hamlet prior to commencing work to make ensure that officials are familiar with the program. The Canadian Wildlife Service in both Iqaluit and Pond Inlet have been consulted regarding local wildlife, in particular bird and caribou activity.

We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable time on west central Baffin Island this summer. Please contact me if you require any additional information. Included in a courier package sent out today are:

- Water Licence Application Form
- Remote Camp Questionnaire
- NPC Conformity Requirements
- Project Summaries: Inuktitut and English
- A 1:250,000 topography map with general work location
- Emergency Spill Response Plan.
- WHMS forms for hazardous materials in camp
- \$30 application fee

Sincerely,

