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File No: NWB2AST

May 3, 2001

Ms. Michele Bertol
Nunavut Planning Commission
Suite 1902, 130 Alberta Street
Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4

Subject: Cominco Ltd., Exploration – New Application Conformity Review-Astarte River

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a new licence on May 3, 2001 from Cominco Ltd. for water use and waste disposal associated surface reconnaissance mineral exploration on **West-Central Baffin Island** near Flint Lake in the **Astarte River** area.

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*, this project proposal shall be reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission to determine conformity with an approved land use plan, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I am sending the usual application documents along with this letter.

Upon completion of the review, please forward the project proposal with your determination and any recommendations to our office or other appropriate federal or territorial agencies as required. The Nunavut Water Board would appreciate receiving a copy of any correspondence that would indicate the status of the conformity check.

Please note that Cominco has also recently applied for a renewal of permit NWB2ELL0001, which has already been forwarded to your office for conformity review. Cominco has indicated that they have received the Conformity Requirement Form; however, I'm wondering if that wasn't for NWB2ELL0001 rather than NWB2AST.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker
Licensing Administrator

cc. Michael Gunning, Cominco
Gladys Joudrey, NIRB

This project proposal falls outside of the limits of the regions having land use plans in place. Therefore, NPC has no comments.

*MS
May 7, 2001*

Public Registry