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File No: NWB2BEL

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Ms. Gladys Joudrey Senior Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Subject: NTI Department of Land & Resources – Belcher Island Geoscience Project – Request for Screening – New

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a new licence on May 20, 2003 from NTI Department of Land & Resources for water use and waste disposal associated with a geoscience research base camp.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board. Please note that this project does not fall within an approved land use plan; therefore no conformity review is required from the Nunavut Planning Commission.

The application documents are available through the internet on our new ftp site at ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca in the NWB folder "NWB2BEL."

If for any reason, the screening process will be less than 45 days, please let our office know immediately so that we can set our deadline for public concerns accordingly.

Sincerely,

Rita Becker

Manager of Finance, Licensing, and Administration

cc. Robin Wyllie, NTI