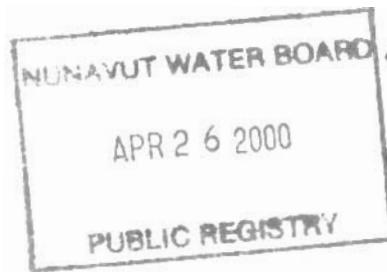


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Nunavut Water Board
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April 17, 2000



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RE: Application for a Water Licence, Prospecting camp on northern Boothia Peninsula NTS regions 57F, 57G, 67E, 67H

Cominco Ltd. is proposing exploration work on the northern portion of the Boothia Peninsula on DIAND Prospecting Permits. This application is for a two year term with the second year work envisioned as potential follow-up confirmation work of favourable results from the first year. I will be the individual responsible for this particular field program.

The proposed work program consists of a reconnaissance-scale helicopter-supported prospecting program that will be based out of one temporary camp. The camp will be constructed in early July and will be conducted in coordination with a fuel caching program. The majority of the fuel will be stationed at the central camp and a minor cache will be distributed as shown. Work conducted will primarily focus on rock sampling, and soil, silt and heavy mineral geochemical sampling. Personnel will include three geologists, two prospectors, one local prospector, one cook and one pilot/mechanic. Supplies will be ferried from our Resolute base camp via Twin Otter.

The community of Taloyoak has been contacted (via the Community Liaison Officer) with regards to planned work and we will continue to keep this location and other local organizations informed of our progress. With regard to local concerns, we have offered to meet with officials from this town either in the immediate future, or just prior to program start-up. The choice will be at their convenience. Applications in progress/submission include: 1) Kitikmeot Application to Access Inuit Owned Lands, 2) DIAND Land Use Permit (to cover camp and caches), 3) NIRB Project Proposal, and 4) Direct notice to local community. Our work will be conducted in accordance with permits as issued.

Attached are: 1) A 1:250,000 map indicating permit areas and proposed camp and fuel cache locations; 2) The fee payment of \$30 to cover the licence fee. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this application or if further information is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. H. Heidema'.

Jeffrey H. Heidema
Geologist, Land Administration