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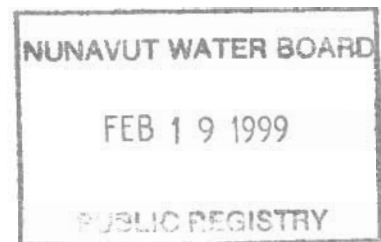
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NORTHWEST BAFFIN ISLAND DIAMOND DRILL PROGRAM, 1999
Prospecting Permits 2161, 2208; NTS Map Areas 48A/11 & 13

Agencies Consulted:

- ◆ Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119, Gjoa Haven, NT, X0E 1J0
SUBJECT: Exploration Camp Questionnaire
Water Licence Application
- ◆ Sandra Bradbury, Land Administrator, Land Administration, DIAND
P.O. Box 1500, Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2R3
SUBJECT: Land Use Permit Application
- ◆ NIRB
P.O. Box 2379, Cambridge Bay, NT, X0E 0C0
SUBJECT: Mineral Exploration Notification; Project Summary
- ◆ Moses Oyukuluk, Mayor, Hamlet of Arctic Bay
Arctic Bay, N.T., X0A 0S0
SUBJECT: Exploration Notification, Project Summary, Feedback Solicitation
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Mr. Johnny Attagutsiaq, CLARC Chairman
Mr. Qamayuq Oyukuluk, Chairperson, HTA
Mr. Cecil Marshall, Admin. Officer, Arctic Bay
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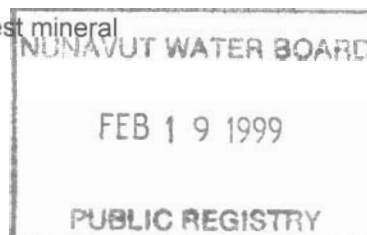
SUBJECT: Mineral Exploration Notification, Water Licence Application, Northwestern Baffin Island

Nunavut Water Board,

This letter serves to notify the Nunavut Water Board of plans by Cominco Ltd. for a modest mineral exploration program on northern Baffin Island in 1999. Attached are:

- Water Licence Application
- Exploration Camp Questionnaire
- English/Inuktitut Project Summary
- MSDS for applicable materials
- 1:250,000 location map

A brief project summary follows.



Cominco Ltd. has explored in the Borden Basin, northwestern Baffin Island, in 1995, 1996 and 1998, and plans a limited diamond drill program, three holes, 900 m total, for the period June 14 - July 5, 1999. Targets are within N.T. Prospecting Permits 2161, NTS 48A/13, located northeast of the head of Adams Sound, 40 km southeast of Nanisivik, and Permit 2208, NTS 48A/11, located in the headwater region of Fleming River, 65 km southeast of Nanisivik. The program has a contingency for minor prospecting and silt geochemistry elsewhere on northwestern Baffin Island, outside of the permit areas. Attached is a 1:250,000 map showing permit areas and approximate diamond drill hole locations. All work is on crown land; a N.T. Land Use Permit application is in progress.

Work in 1999 will be based out of the Nanisivik townsite. Personnel will include 4 drill crew, a drill foreman, a geologist (myself) and a contingency for a geological assistant, and 2 helicopter crew. Environmental impact will be minimal because there are no planned roads, no heavy ground equipment, there will be no field base camp, no flycamps, and drill mobilization, drill moves and crew changes will be serviced by helicopter stationed at the STOL port at the edge of the townsite (i.e. there will be no ATV ground transport of crew). Further, there will be no helicopter fuel caches or temporary air strips; bulk jet fuel will be used at the STOL port, and diesel fuel will be flown to the drill as needed. Significant ground preparation/alteration for drill sites will not be necessary, and all drill sites will be completely cleaned up at the termination of each hole; any sumps will be filled. Drill, supplies and all non-combustible scrap and garbage will be returned to the Nanisivik minesite at the completion of the job.

Arctic Bay hamlet officials and local organizations have been consulted regarding this proposed work, and will be kept informed as plans progress. Public consultation was not deemed necessary during discussions with officials which followed distribution of an information circular and request for feedback, in Inuktitut, on the project (attached). I will meet with the mayor in Arctic Bay at the start of the project to ensure local concerns are addressed. As with previous work, all provisions and rules set out in previous discussions, and in Prospecting Permit guidelines, will be met. It is a Cominco Ltd. policy not to disturb or harm wildlife in any way during the course of field work and this will be strictly enforced during the upcoming summer program. A Nunavut Water License Application is in progress.

We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable time on northwestern Baffin Island again this summer. Please contact myself or Ken Leigh if you have any questions regarding this application, or if you require any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Moses Oyukuluk
Mayor, Hamlet of Arctic Bay
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Mr. Oyukuluk,

Cominco Ltd. plans to conduct a MODEST diamond drill program on northern Baffin Island during the summer of 1998; target areas are northeast of the head of Adams Sound and in the upper Fleming River area. We hope to carry out the program during the second half of June, based out of Nanisivik. This work is a continuation of the work done by Cominco Ltd. in the Borden Basin in 1995, 1996 and 1988. This letter serves to inform the Hamlet of Arctic Bay of Cominco's planned work in the region, and to solicit feedback. Ken Leigh, Project geologist, and myself will be in Iqaluit February 17 - 20 to participate in the Nunavut Mining Symposium; we would be willing to continue on to Nanisivik on February 22 if you would like to have an opportunity to meet with us in Arctic Bay to present any concerns you might have regarding our exploration program. Please advise promptly so that we can finalize travel plans.

The proposed program for 1999 is small, including limited diamond drilling and minor reconnaissance exploration work on Prospecting Permits held by Cominco Ltd. The drilling is planned for the last 2 weeks of June. A drill crew of 5, and a geologist will be housed at the minesite. Access to the two areas will be via helicopter stationed at Nanisivik.

All provisions and rules set out in previous discussions and land-use permits will be followed; applications for land use and land access permits and water licenses for this work are in progress. It is a Cominco Ltd. policy not to disturb or harm wildlife in any way during the course of field work and this will be strictly enforced during the upcoming summer program.

We are looking forward to a productive and enjoyable time on northern Baffin Island again this summer. Again, if you have any questions regarding Cominco's planned activities, please contact myself or Ken Leigh at (604) 685-3057 as soon as possible such that we can arrange a trip to Nanisivik in order to meet with you in Arctic Bay, or alternatively, set aside some time at the symposium if you are also attending.

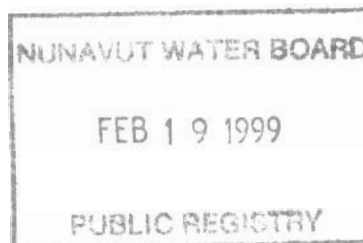
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