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Wellington Licence Renewal Application and Spill Contingency Plan

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), I have reviewed both the water licence renewal application and the spill contingency plan submitted by Noranda Inc. with respect to their Wellington (Devon Island) exploration camp. I am pleased to offer the following comments.

With respect to the water licence renewal, the project is a small, temporary camp with minimal water use and sewage generation. The quantity of water use is below the threshold for a Class B water licence according to the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* regulations. INAC therefore does not believe that a water licence is required for this particular project.

With respect to water use and waste disposal, INAC's concerns have already been dealt with in the proponent's Land Use Permit N1999C0058 (which should shortly undergo a renewal process). These include conditions to keep their sewage and grey water sumps at least 31 m from the high water mark of any stream, to backfill and restore all sumps prior to leave the site, to burn all combustible garbage and debris daily, and to place all non-combustible garbage from the land use in an approved disposal site. We have no concerns with this project as the land use permit will sufficiently regulate the proposed activities.

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With respect to the spill contingency plan, the poly-drill chemicals MSDS sheets note that, should they ignite, they require carbon dioxide or foam as an extinguishing media rather than water. Although we acknowledge that the conditions of flammability are deemed very low risk, the proponent should none-the-less have the means at the camp to extinguish the chemical should it ignite.

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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