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NWB File No.: No Licence

Chip Cunliffe
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Subject: Application for Water Licence – Catlin Arctic Survey

Dear Mr. Cunliffe:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) acknowledges an application dated February 2, 2010 for a Type B water licence for a research camp located at Isachsen on Ellef Ringes Island. The Nunavut Water Board requires a minimum of three months to process an application once it has been determined that the application is complete. Based on information provided there is insufficient time to fully process this application as indications are that the project will be commencing within the next couple of weeks and will not continue after April of this year. The NWB therefore cannot accept the application at this time and no licence will be issued.

To ensure adequate time for processing of any future applications, the NWB recommends that an application be submitted at least 90 days prior to any planned commencement of water use or deposition of waste requiring a water licence. If the water use and/or the deposition of waste are likely to extend over several years, the NWB also encourages applicants to apply for a multi-year term.

In closing, the NWB draws your attention to sections 11 and 12 of the NWNSRTA, which, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits the use of waters and deposition of waste in Nunavut except in accordance with the conditions of a licence.

If you require further information on the application process, please contact the Manager of Licensing at licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing