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**Re: 2BE-KAZ0609 – Application for Assignment – Pacific Ridge
Exploration Ltd. to Aurora Energy Resources Inc. – Baker Lake
Project – Kivalliq Region, Nunavut**

Please be advised that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has completed a review of the above noted application.

The NWB invited representations to be made to the Board, concerning the application by May 4, 2009.

In conducting this review, I have referred to all documents on the Nunavut Water Board FTP site as it relates to 2BE-KAZ0609. Attached is a Technical Review Memorandum for your consideration in the approval of the application.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at (867) 975-4566 or by email at trenholmt@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Tanya Trenholm
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Technical Review Memorandum

To: Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing - Nunavut Water Board

From: Tanya Trenholm, Pollution Policy Specialist - Indian and Northern Affairs Canada – Water Resources Division

Re: **Application for Assignment – Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. to Aurora Energy Resources Inc. – Baker Lake Project**

Existing Water Licence # 2BE-KAZ0609

Background Information:

Aurora Energy Resources Inc. applied to the NWB for an assignment of the existing licence from Pacific Ridge Exploration Ltd. on March 23, 2009. The application noted a proposed license/activity duration of June 2009 to October 31, 2011.

Recommendations / Comments

INAC has no specific concerns with the assignment of this particular licence. However, Aurora Resources should be advised that the licence is set to expire September 15, 2009. As per condition Part B, Item 5 of the licence, the NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of the licence be filed at least 3 months before the licence expiry date.

In addition, should the NWB approve the assignment of this licence, Aurora Resources should be advised of section 46 of the *Nunavut Waters, Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* which states that the expiry of a licence does not relieve the holder from any obligations imposed by the licence. As such, the proponent must note the requirement to restore the site as per Part H, Items 1-15 of the current licence.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience should you wish to further discuss any part of this submission to the Board. I can be reached at 867-975-4566 or via email, tanya.trenholm@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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