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December 11, 2013

NWB reference
#2BE-SIL0709

Phyllis Beaulieu
Licensing Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
Gjoa Haven, NU, X0E 1J0

Re: #2BE-SIL0709 – Silvertip Project – Strongbow Exploration Inc. – Kitikmeot Region – Licence Cancellation

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Thank you for your email on November 13, 2013, concerning the above mentioned water licence cancellation application.

A memorandum is provided for the Nunavut Water Board's (Board or NWB) consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 867-975-4566 or email at daniel.taukie@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca for further comments or any questions.

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

TO	Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board	AANDC reference CIDM-#754508 NWB reference #2BE-SIL0709
FROM	Daniel Taukie Water Resources Intern Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	DATE December 11, 2013

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A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On November 13, 2013 the Nunavut Water Board (the Board) provided notification to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) that Strongbow Exploration Inc. (“Strongbow”) had submitted a cancellation application for the Silvertip Project’s Type ‘B’ water licence, #2BE-SIL0709.

The Silvertip Project is located approximately 460 km southeast of Kugluktuk in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut. In 2007 work was conducted from a small, temporary camp used to support a short, early stage drilling program. At the end of the 2008 program a partial clean-up of the camp location was undertaken which included removal of materials and backfilling and recontouring of sumps. In April of 2009 all items and structures were removed from site thereby completing the abandonment and restoration activities in the land use area.

No activities have taken place at Silvertip since 2009.

On August 11, 2011 a final land use inspection was carried out by an AANDC Resource Management Officer and a subsequent letter was sent to the NWB from AANDC indicating that the land use permit can be closed.

The water licence expired on May 31, 2009 with the application for cancellation submitted to the NWB on August 30, 2013.



B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

On behalf of AANDC, the following comments/ recommendations are submitted to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration:

1. Application For Water Licence Cancellation

- AANDC recommends that if the company cannot demonstrate either by photographs or other documentation that the site had been cleaned and restored, then the current company be responsible for the clean-up and remediation of these materials prior to a final inspection. As stated in the most recent (July 7, 2013) AANDC Water Resource Officer Inspection Report, “It is difficult to determine whether reclamation requirements have been met” as AANDC has no documentation of the site prior to Strongbow’s tenure. AANDC Water Resource Officer recommends in their Inspection Report that the cancellation not be authorized until documentation is provided.

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