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Re: 2BE-SIL0709 – 2008 Annual Report – Submitted by North Arrow Minerals Inc. on behalf of ‘sister’ company, Strongbow Exploration Inc. – Silvertip Project, Kitikmeot Region

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has completed a review of the above noted Annual Report.

The NWB distributed the Report for information purposes only, on April 29, 2009.

In conducting this review, I have referred to all documents on the Nunavut Water Board FTP site as it relates to 2BE-SIL0709.

Background:

The Licensee noted that a spill occurred on site, March 4, 2008 and an Inspector was also notified on March 4, 2008. Additional details provided in the annual report, state that ‘Spill kits were used, all contaminated snow was removed, and the ice was scraped clean. Contaminated material was backhauled to Yellowknife and disposed of at treatment site in Alberta.’

A copy of the spill report form was not attached to the annual report. A search of the NWB ftp site revealed no such form.

Comments:

With respect to the spill, it is unclear as to the type, amount and location of the product spilled, as well as the cause of the spill.



Recommendations:

The proponent should be required to submit copies of any spill report forms with their annual report. In addition, the proponent should submit all documentation regarding the disposal of the waste generated as a result of the spill, including documents from the disposal site in Alberta.

Spill Contingency Plan:

Pursuant to Part B, Item iii of the License, the Proponent was to submit an updated Spill Plan, including updated contact information. A review of the NWB ftp site revealed that no such updated Plan was submitted by the Proponent.

As stated above, the Proponent indicated that they notified an Inspector on March 4, 2008. However, the contact information included in the Proponents 2007 Spill Plan contains inaccurate contact information for the DIAND Water Resources Officer. The correct contact number should be 867-975-4289 rather than 867-975-4298 (reflected in the spill plan).

This information has been forwarded to INAC's Field Operations Division.

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,

Original signed by

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