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*Via Email*

**Re: 2BE-WAL - Golden River Resources - Committee Bay Belt Project - licence renewal application**

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) I have reviewed the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NW&NSRT), *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* (AWPPA), and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act).

Golden River Resources is applying to renew its Committee Bay Belt Project for one-year. This project was established to support mining exploration in the Walker Lake area and has a camp situated with a general coordinate of 66°47'59"N, 90°42'46"W. The proponent does not intend to work in on its property for the duration of the requested licence renewal and as a result, will not use water or dispose of any wastes. However, it does anticipate recommencing exploration activities in either the 2007 or 2008 field seasons.

INAC recommends that the Nunavut Water Board take into consideration the following comments when reviewing this licence application.

**GENERAL**

- If the Committee Bay Belt Project's licence is renewed on the condition that there will be no use of water or disposal of waste, INAC recommends that the Nunavut Water Board make it clearly known to the proponent that this commitment must be respected.
- If the proponent decides to amend or renew its licence to allow for the use of water and disposal of waste, project specific Spill Contingency and Abandonment and Restoration Plans must be provided for review. INAC is willing to provide guidance in the writing of these plans.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests notification of any changes in the proposed project, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing.

Sincerely,

***Original signed***

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cc. Jim Rogers - Manager of Water Resources, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Iqaluit