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File: 3BC-AMD1212

August 06, 2014

Dr. Gordon Osinski,
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Subject: Licence No. 3BC-AMD1212 “Lost Hammer Spring, Axel Heiberg Island Project”, Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut; Cancellation of the Licence

Dear Dr. Osinski,

On April 11, 2013, the Nunavut Water Board (“NWB or Board”) received from Dr. Gordon Osinski an application to cancel the water licence for the above-mentioned project. The Licence issued on April 30, 2012 authorized water use (1 m³ per day) and waste disposal for the purposes of temporary camp operation located in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut. The Licensee stated that upon completion of the operations, all equipment and supplies were removed from the site, and both the sump and the latrine pit were backfilled with native material and shaped to the pre-existing natural contours of the land.

On July 10, 2013, the Board distributed the application for thirty (30) day comment period. Before the deadline for comments, submissions¹ were received from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) and Environment Canada (EC).

AANDC recommended that licence not be cancelled/ closed until a Water Resources Officer completes an on-site inspection and provides confirmation that no compliance issues are associated and/ or remain outstanding with the project. EC expressed no objections to the cancellation of the licence.

On July 31, 2014, AANDC Inspector informed that a final site inspection was conducted on July 5, 2014, and recommended the NWB to cancel the licence.

Upon review of all information, NWB determined that the application fulfills the requirements of s. 43(1) (c) of *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (Act)*² and NWB *Guide 7*.³ The NWB has, therefore, approved the Licence 3BC-AMD1212 application for water licence cancellation through Board Motion No. 2014-B1-024, dated August 06, 2014.

¹ Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, August 8, 2013; and Environment Canada, August 9, 2013.

² The s. 43(1)(c) indicates when the Board may cancel a licence.

³ The minimum information requirements set out in the NWB Guidance Document- *Guide 7 – Licensee Requirements Following the Issuance of a Water Licence, April 2010*, see Part 11 and Table 4.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Board at (867) 360-6338 or licensing@nwb-oen.ca at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. Kabloona', written over a horizontal line.

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

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cc: Distribution – Qikiqtani