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> Your file - Votre référence 2AM-DOH1323

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Our file - Notre référence CIDM # 992198

Robin Ikkutisluk Licence Administrator Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU X0E 1J0 Sent via electronic mail: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) reply to TMAC Resources Inc.'s (TMAC) response to our Information Requests for their amendment application for water licence #2AM-DOH1323 – Doris North Gold Mine Project

Dear Ms. Ikkutisluk,

Thank-you for the email notice received on October 9, 2015 regarding the above mentioned amendment process.

Both AANDC Water Resources Division and the consultant we are working with on this file, Amec Foster Wheeler, have reviewed TMAC's responses to our Information Requests, submitted on September 18, 2015. Their responses provide material for consideration in the Technical Review and are adequate at this time. If we have further questions during the Technical Review, we will contact TMAC.

AANDC would like to re-iterate our concern that the licensee's exclusion of some activities planned at the Doris North Mine Site from the scope of the amendment application severely limits our ability to provide accurate and complete information for the Nunavut Water Board's consideration in its decision making process. This Type A amendment application for the Doris North Gold Mine Project does not include use of Doris North facilities as planned in TMAC's Type B water licence amendment application for the Madrid Site. The Type B licence is to mine approximately 100 000 tonnes of ore to be processed at the Doris North Mill and includes use of other Doris North infrastructure, namely the camp, tailings impoundment area, wastewater treatment and hazardous waste storage.



Considering the use of Doris North infrastructure for the Type B licence separately from the present Type A amendment, and processing them as individual and distinct water licence applications undermines AANDC's ability to conduct a thorough review that properly evaluates and reports on cumulative effects.

AANDC respectfully suggests that the licensee modify this Type A amendment application to encompass all the work proposed at the Doris North Mine Site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-975-3876 or Sarah.Forte@aandc-<u>aadnc.gc.ca</u> for any additional information.

Regards,

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