



To: Doris North Distribution List

**Re: Licence No. 2AM-DOH1323 Type “A” Water Licence Amendment Application,
Doris North Project, TMAC Resources Inc.; Nunavut Water Board Written
Direction Regarding Close of the Public Hearing Record**

As indicated in the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) correspondence of September 16, 2016, the Public Hearing Record associated with the Board’s Public Hearing to consider the Application by TMAC Resources Inc. (TMAC or Applicant) for an Amendment Application to the Type “A” Water Licence 2AM-DOH1323, with respect to the Doris North Project (the Application), has remained open following the adjournment of the in person Public Hearing (held on September 13th and 14th 2016 in Cambridge Bay). At the Public Hearing, the NWB Panel responsible for this application (the Panel) directed that the Hearing Record remain open in order to allow the interveners, Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA), Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to file their comments regarding the blackline copy of Licence 2AM-DOH1323 prepared by TMAC that identifies suggested amendments to the Licence; and to allow the Applicant, and the intervener, INAC to file their written submissions addressing the issues of the total quantum of reclamation security as agreed to by TMAC and INAC during the Public Hearing, as well as their views regarding the amount of the total quantum of reclamation security that should be held under an amended water licence. The date for filing these further submissions was set for September 21, 2016.

The Public Hearing Record remained opened to also allow the Applicant, TMAC to file their response to the final comments of the parties; and to allow the landowner, the KIA to file their response to the comments of INAC and TMAC with respect to the split of the total quantum of reclamation security between an amended water licence and the land-based instruments granted by the KIA to TMAC. The date for filing these responses was set for September 23, 2016.

In accordance with the Board’s directions on this point, final written submissions were provided to the Board by the KIA, INAC, ECCC and Applicant.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and these materials are now included as an addition to the Public Hearing Record for the NWB’s file in respect of the Application. Access to this information is made available through the NWB’s ftp site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/2%20MINING%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM->

On September 21, 2016, the Doris North Panel reviewed the additional information provided by the parties and decided that all required evidence is now before the Board. Consequently, as directed by the Board during the Public Hearing, the Public Hearing record for the Nunavut Water Board's Public Hearing regarding an Application for Amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence 2AM-DOH1323, for the Doris North Project is complete and is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board and the Hearing Record will consist of the documentation filed in advance of the Hearing, the oral evidence and Exhibits filed during the Hearing and the further information filed with the Board by September 23, 2016.

Now that the Hearing Record is closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course (typically within 30-45 days from the date the Application was remitted to the Panel), issue a decision report to the Minister of INAC regarding whether or not to issue the requested Amendment to the Type "A" Water Licence. If the Board's decision is to recommend that a Type "A" Licence be issued, the Board will also attach a draft of the new licence to the decision report for the review of the Minister.

Please note that with the Public Hearing Record now closed and the Panel in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding this Application until the Board publicly issues its decision regarding the Application.

In closing, the Board extends our thanks to all the parties, community members and general members of the public who were involved in the Board's processing of the Application. The Board recognizes the diligence of the parties in working together to resolve any outstanding issues in advance of, at the Public Hearing and during the period when the Hearing Record remained open. In addition, the Board appreciates the contributions of everyone who attended the in-person Public Hearing held in Cambridge Bay, September 13th and 14th, 2016.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson, Nunavut Water Board