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*By Email and Regular Mail*

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**Subject: Modification request under Part H, Item 1 of Water Licence 2AM-DOH0713; Doris North Project, Nunavut**

Dear Mr. Meyer;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the receipt on May 6, 2008 of the above request and supporting documents under Part H, Item 1 of Licence 2AM-DOH0713. The Modification request was distributed upon receipt for a fifteen (15) day review, with comments from interested persons due no later than May 21, 2008 at 5:00p.m.

The request for modification included the following:

- Setup and operation of a 49 person Weatherhaven Camp to be located within the foot print of disturbance previously reviewed by NIRB;
- The intake of water and discharge of waste will be from, and to, the same locations considered during the assessment and specified in the current Licence;
- Grey water generated by laundry, kitchen, and dry facilities will be processed using a Peak Energy Services Membrane Treatment system, discharging to the approved location and complying with discharge criteria as per terms of Part G;
- An Operations Plan for the temporary unit will be prepared and submitted to the Board;
- Installation and operation of a Westland CY2020 FA, or similar model incinerator, meeting the requirements of Part G, Items 5 and 6 of the Licence; and
- An Operations Plan for the incinerator also to be prepared and submitted to the Board.

During the review, the NWB received comments from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Environment Canada (EC).

The technical review of the modification request has been completed. Comments were received from the KIA, INAC and EC. Concerns were initially expressed by Env. Can. with respect to the method of handling sewage and the disposal utilizing electric incinerator toilets, which may not meet the Canada Wide Standards (CWS) for dioxins, furans and mercury. A second concern was raised with respect to the main incinerator originally proposed for the Camp and whether it satisfies EC's recommendations for meeting the CWS for dioxins, furans and mercury.

During the review period and following, discussions between the Licensee and EC took place with respect to an alternate incinerator being chosen which would satisfy EC's recommendations for incineration requirements. In addition, with respect to the sewage disposal, the Licensee has proposed to collect the sewage and incinerate the wastes utilizing the main site incinerator, which meets EC's recommendation.

Taking into account the above, and the additional comments provided to the NWB in subsequent email correspondence, the Board has considered the information submitted and hereby accepts and approves the modification request under **Motion 2008-07**, dated **June 6, 2008**.

Should the Licensee decide to provide the information to the NWB as required by EC along with acknowledgment from EC that recommendations have been met for the use of the incinerator toilets, this approval shall include the use of the self contained toilets for the purposes outlined above.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by:*

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