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auprès des Métis et des Indiens non inscrits



Minister of Indian Affairs and
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for Métis and Non-Status Indians

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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H4

Mr. Thomas Kabloona
Chair
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Mr. Kabloona:

Thank you for your letter of October 1, 2008, requesting my consent to amend the term of Nunavut water licence 2AM-LUP0008 for the Lupin Mine Site and to waive the requirement for public notice, or a public hearing, on the amendment due to an emergency situation.

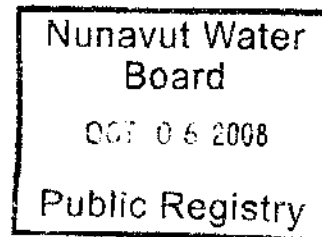
While the proponent's water licence expired on June 30, 2008, I recognize that a renewal application was made to extend the existing terms of the licence on February 21, 2008. I further recognize that your request is for an extension of existing licence terms to March 31, 2009 only, which will allow the proponent to carry out normal functions under the existing licence and will also provide sufficient time for appropriate public notice and engagement on a licence renewal.

Given that providing the extension would cause no harm to the environment and, moreover, would likely protect against a possible future uncontrolled release of effluent into the environment, or worse, damage to containment structures protecting the environment from such a release, I grant the extension of water licence 2AM-LUP0008 to March 31, 2009, and waive the requirement for public notice for this short-term extension.

Thank you again for your letter and for the Nunavut Water Board's rapid response to this emergency situation.

Sincerely,

Chuck Strahl



c.c.: Dionne Filiatrault, Executive Director, Nunavut Water Board

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