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Subject: Submission of the Aquatic Effects Management Plan, under Water Licence 2AM-MEA0815, Part I, Item 1.

Dear Ms. Gould,

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received the above-cited Aquatic Effects Management Program (AEMP), submitted in accordance with Part I, Item 1 of Licence 2AM-MEA0815, on April 28, 2009. The document was distributed for review with a comment deadline of July 10, 2009. Comments were received from Environment Canada (EC) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). These submissions are made available on the NWB's FTP site at the following link:

[http://nunavutwaterboard.org/PRUC/2%20MINING%20AND%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815/3%20TECH/9%20MONITORING%20\(I\)/I1%20Aquatic%20Effects%20Management%20Program/](http://nunavutwaterboard.org/PRUC/2%20MINING%20AND%20MILLING/2A/2AM%20-%20Mining/2AM-MEA0815/3%20TECH/9%20MONITORING%20(I)/I1%20Aquatic%20Effects%20Management%20Program/)

The NWB has reviewed the submissions, and after taking into consideration the recommendations made by both parties, the NWB would like to provide the Licensee with an opportunity to respond to the comments before making a determination on the AEMP.

The NWB notes EC's assessment, which concludes that version 2 of the AEMP is insufficiently developed to demonstrate an integrated and efficient program. Therefore, it would be helpful to have feedback from the Licensee concerning the various recommendations made by reviewers. If you wish to provide the NWB with a response, please do so by **November 18, 2009**.

Finally, the NWB notes the following statement in the AEMP version 1, March 2009:

A comprehensive review and redesign of the Aquatic Effect Management Program is currently underway (pg. 6).

In addition to its response to the comments received, the NWB would ask that the Licensee clarify when the comprehensive review may be completed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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