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March 14, 2001

Mrs. Rita Becker Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, Nunavut

Dear Mrs. Becker:

Nunavut Water Board

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**Public Registry** 

Re: File No: NWB1BOS9801

I apologise for the delay in sending my response to this license renewal application, but I have been out of the office for most of the last month.

In general I have no concerns with the renewal of this water license for continuation of the exploratory work. However, if the current exploratory work moves toward production, then a much more detailed review of the increased needs should be undertaken. I am basing my comments on the assumption that OM the licensee has met the requirements of the original license and that there have TA been no infractions during the previous license period. If this is not the case, BS then I would suggest further review is needed.

In the applicant's review of current license conditions, they indicate that BRD they may encroach on the 30 metre limit for storage of fuel near water bodies would strongly advice that this condition remain in the license and not be varied.

In discussions between my staff and the Kitikmeot Hunters and Trappers Association, they raiced some concerns about how this project may affect wildlife. However, these concerns are perhaps best dealt with in the land use permit rather than the water permit.

Please call me if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Wheatley, PhD

Director of Wildlife Management

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