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February 29, 2000

Brian Alexander
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906-595 Howe Street
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Subject: Mobilizing Field Crew

Dear Mr. Alexander:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on February 28, 2000 of your letter dated February 23, 2000 inquiring if we would have any concerns with the mobilization of field crews prior to the renewal of the above permit although drilling would not start until approval has been granted.

The Nunavut Water Board would like to point out that in the letter dated October 21, 1999 we had requested Cumberland to allow 3 to 4 months for the renewal process.

However, the Nunavut Water Board can issue interim short-term approvals as per Item 13.5.5 of the NLCA, but this request would need to be brought to the Board for their consideration.

I recommend that you submit the following by the end of Friday, March 4th, in order that your request be considered at the next Board meeting.

- copy of the new KIA Land Use Permit that was expected by March, 2000
- letter requesting interim approval

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

ORIGINAL SIGNED BY:

Rita Becker, Licensing Administrator

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