

## Amaruq Exploration Project

## Response to

Water licence 2BE-MEA1318 Inspection Report

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On October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the AANDC inspector, Christine Wilson, made an inspection of the Amaruq camp site. The inspector requested via her inspection report some actions:

- AEM shall submit with the 2015 annual report a complete and revised version of the Amarug WWTP Management Plan.
  - > AEM will submit the revised version with the annual report as requested.
- AEM shall submit a copy of the Quarry Management Plan to the inspector before March 31st, 2016
  - ➤ AEM will submit the revised version with the annual report, before the March 31<sup>st</sup>, as requested.
- AEM shall provide a response to the failure to comply, addressed above, to the inspector before November 30th, 2015
  - The inspector correctly pointed out that the Licence 2BE-MEA1318 part D item 11 was not respected by AEM. An internal communication problem occurred regarding this obligation which caused this failure to comply. As proposed by the inspector during the site visit, AEM is working on a document to ensure that all licence conditions, even the new conditions coming from the amendments, are listed properly and verified regularly by the AEM environment representatives.
- The Inspector requests a brief summary of activities planned at the Amaruq Project until April 2016 before November 30th, 2015.
  - The camp is planned to be in care and maintenance until mid-January with only 10 people at the camp during that period. The drilling and the material transport on the winter road is planned to restart in February 2016. Before opening the winter road, an engineering company specialized in winter ice roads will monitor the road to assure that the capacity of the ice is sufficient to start the transport. Peter Expediting and M&T will be the transport contractors and Orbit Garant will be the drilling contractors.

- The Inspector requests baseline sampling from Whale Lake and the stream adjacent to the camp before November 30th, 2015. If this information is not available, the inspector requests a response before November 30th, 2015.
  - Please find in attachment B the sampling data 2014 from Whale Lake. When the consultant report including the 2015 data will be completed, the additional data will be added to the compilation. For the stream adjacent to the camp, the locations will be sampled as required by the water licence part J, item 15 and will also be added as a monthly routine sampling location.
- The Inspector requests a map of the Amaruq camp as it relates to water use and waste disposal.
  - The map has been previously submitted to the inspector.
- The Inspector requests AEM to complete additional monitoring as provided in part J item 16. The Licensee shall submit to the inspector for review the first set of monthly samples taken pursuant to part J item 14.
  - AEM will conduct water quality testing immediately, upstream and downstream of the water crossing, as requested by the inspector and the water licence.