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Mr. Jeff Welborn WMC International Limited 8008 East Arapahoe Court, Suite 110 Englewood, Colorado USA 80112 jeff.welborn@wmc.com

Re: Application Acknowledgement and Requirement for Notice of the application for the Meliadine Lake Project

Dear Mr. Welborn:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on December 5, 2002 of your water licence renewal application for Meliadine Lake Project. Your application included the following items:

- cover letter dated December 2, 2002
- executive summary in English **Only**
- application form
- supplementary questionnaire
- application fee
- letter re waste disposal with map included
- Fuel Management and Spill Contingency Plan
- Other maps
- 2001 and 2002 Status Reports in English and Inuktitut
- Environmental Baseline Reports

Receipt C137284 is attached for your records. **To complete your application we require your executive summary in Inuktitut.** Please forward as soon as possible, by fax to (867) 360-6369.

This project has been reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission and is currently being screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board for their determination as to whether they require further review, or if it can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a <u>notice of your application is required</u>. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, the enclosed notice in both English and Inuktitut will be posted for a period of 30 days, with local establishments in Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Whale Cove and Baker Lake. Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or nwblic@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu A/Licensing Administrator

Enclosures

cc. Paul Smith, DIAND Colette Meloche, EC Gladys Joudrey, NIRB Earle Baddaloo, DSD Jordan DeGroot, DFO