

December 22, 1998

File No. NWB2MEL

Mr. Joe Ahmad
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board
Cambridge Bay, NT
XOE OCO

Subject: Meliadine West Project - Request for Screening
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Dear Mr. Ahmad,

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a licence dated December 18, 1998 from WMC International Ltd. for a renewal of existing permit NWB2MEL, which will expire on December 31, 1998.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board. I would appreciate if you could inform me of your deadline to complete your determination so that we may formally advise the applicant and the public accordingly.

Sincerely,

David Porter
Licence Administrator

cc. WMC International Ltd.