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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

December 23, 1998

Mr. Joe Ahmad
Executive Director
Nunavut Impact Review Board
Cambridge Bay, NT
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Subject: Meliadine Lake Project - Request for Screening
NWB File No. NWB2MEL

Dear Mr. Ahmad,

The Nunavut Water Board received an application from WMC International Ltd. dated December 18, 1998 for the renewal of permit NWB2MEL which entitles the permittee to use water and dispose of waste in conjunction with a mineral exploration programme in the Meliadine Lake area.

All components of the application are unchanged except for an increase in the projected camp population to more than fifty people. I enclose for your consideration the application for renewal and related documents, and permit NWB2MEL which expires December 31, 1998. At the request of the permittee, we are extending the validity of this permit until the NWB can make a decision on the new application, on the condition that camp population shall not exceed fifty people at any time.

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*, the Nunavut Impact Review Board shall screen this application to determine whether it has significant impact potential and whether it requires review, before the Nunavut Water Board can process it.

Sincerely,

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

c.c. Alex J. Sexton, WMC International Ltd.
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Shannon Pagotto, DIAND
Carey Ogilvie, Environment Canada