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April 9, 1999

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board
Gjoa Haven, NT

Received April 9, 1999

Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

RE: WMC International drilling program at Melaidine West
NIRB File #98EN124 NWB #NWB2MEL

On March 17, 1999 your organization received a letter from Mr. Ben Hubert of WMC International regarding an amendment to their water licence application. The letter states that they wish to discharge fluid and drill cuttings into a sump for the summer based drill program.

The NIRB has reviewed the information provided and agrees with the amendment request. Please amend the following terms and conditions from the NIRB Screening Decision Report dated February 05, 1999 to read:

6. The Permittee shall ensure that during their summer drill program all drill cuttings and any return water and sludge that cannot be re-circulated be disposed of in a properly constructed sump or an appropriate natural depression that does not drain into a water body.
7. The Permittee shall for their winter drill program collect drill cuttings and store them in barrels for removal to the Municipal Dump at Rankin Inlet.

Sincerely,

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Larry Pokok Aknavigak
Chairperson
Nunavut Impact Review Board