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File No: NWB2MEL01--

January 26, 2001

Ms. Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

Subject: WMC International Limited – **Request for Screening** – Renewal

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a permit renewal on January 5, 2000 from WMC International Limited for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area* and *Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project proposal was first sent for review to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for their review. As indicated in the letter from Brian Aglukark of NPC dated January 26, 20001, this review is now complete.

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.

Please note that the application is still missing the maps. These were sent by First Air Freight on January 5th, but have not yet received by NWB. We have asked WMC to forward these maps directly to your office to speed up the process.

Please note that NWB2MEL was last screened by NIRB under NIRB # 00EA034 when WMC applied for amendment in Spring 2000.

I am sending application documents along with this letter. Please determine whether this project is subject to screening at this time, and if so, the expected completion date, and provide the NWB with a <u>written</u> response of your determination

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator

cc. Stuart Deveau, WMC International Limited.