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File No: NWB2MEL0103

February 14, 2003

Ms. Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Subject: WMC International Limited – Meliadine Project – Request for Screening – Renewal

The Nunavut Water Board received a renewal application on December 5, 2002 from WMC International Limited for water use and waste disposal associated with an exploration camp and 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 forwarded to your office by NPC dated February 10, 2003, 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.

The application documents are available through the internet on our ftp site at ftp://ftp.nwb.yk.com in the folder "NWB2MEL."

Please let our office know when we can expect your screening report so that we can set our deadlines accordingly. Please note that this water license expires on February 28, 2003.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu A/Licensing Administrator

cc. Jeff Welborn, WMC International Limited Stuart Deveau, WMC International Limited.