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Phyllis Beaulieu
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Re: 2BB-MEL0914 – Meliadine West Gold Project – Comaplex Minerals Corp. – Application for Amendment #2

Please be advised that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has completed a review of the above noted Application for Amendment.

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed the application for comment on April 7, 2010.

In conducting this review, I have referred to all documents on the Nunavut Water Board FTP site as it relates to 2BB-MEL0914. Attached is a Technical Review Memorandum for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at (867) 975-4566 or by email at tanya.trenholm@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Tanya Trenholm
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Technical Review Memorandum

To: Phyllis Beaulieu, Manager of Licensing - Nunavut Water Board

From: Tanya Trenholm, Pollution Policy Specialist - Indian and Northern Affairs
Canada – Water Resources Division

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Corp. – Application for Amendment #2**

Existing Water Licence #: 2BB-MEL0914

Background Information:

The Applicant has requested a second application for amendment to the existing water licence 2BB-MEL0914 for the purposes of conducting geotechnical drilling within 31 m of a water body. The geotechnical drilling is being carried out exclusively to determine the structural integrity of specific areas as identified as potential water crossings along the proposed road (Rankin Inlet to Meliadine Lake).

Drilling activities include 30 shallow drill holes (no deeper than 10 meters) to be drilled over the next 4 years.

Recommendations / Comments

Currently, the proponent remains in non-compliance with the existing licence, as issued July 31, 2009. Pursuant to licence condition Part B, item 2, the Licensee is required to “furnish and maintain a financial security of \$639,000 in the form, of the nature, subject to such terms and conditions, in accordance with the Regulations, or that is satisfactory to the Minister.”

Until such a time that the Licensee provides the required security, or a detailed written explanation of what steps the Licensee intends to take to correct this matter, INAC cannot support any amendments to the existing water licence.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience should you wish to further discuss any part of this submission to the Board. I can be reached at 867-975-4566 or via email, tanya.trenholm@inac.gc.ca.

Cc. Lou-Ann Cornacchio, Manager, Water Resources Division – Indian and Northern Affairs Canada;