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via Email to: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

RE: NWB FILE # 2BB-MEL0913 -- Abandonment and Restoration Plan

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the Meliadine Project. The DOE has the following comments and recommendations based on the *Environmental Protection Act*.

- The Proponent should include a list of fuels and chemicals that are used at the site. The list should also include the quantities of the substances brought to the site.
- A Waste Manifest document must accompany all movements of hazardous materials, and all parties must register with the Environmental Protection Service at the GN-DOE. The general number for the Department of Environment is (867) 975-7700. This process and contact information should be stated in the Plan.
- Page 2 of the Plan states that any remaining non-combustible waste will be removed to the Rankin Inlet Landfill. As per *Part D* of the water license, the DOE recommends that the Proponent ensure that permission is obtained from the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet prior to removal of waste.
- Page 5 of the Plan states that any spills that are too large to recover naturally will be removed to a land farm site on the project. The DOE recommends that a threshold be proposed for the amount of soil to be categorized as too large to recover.
- The DOE requests that the Proponent provide more information on the nature of the waste rock that will be used to cover the material and liner of the contaminated soil storage area.

The DOE thanks the NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide comments on this submission from Comaplex Minerals Corp. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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