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2BE-ASH0611

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*Via Email*

**Re: 2BE-ASH0311 - Ashton Northwest Territories Mining Ltd. - Ashton Mining Project - Assignment of Licence**

On behalf of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) I have reviewed the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NW&NSRT), *Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act* (AWPPA), and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act).

Ashton Northwest Territories Mining Ltd. (Ashton Mining) is requesting that the Nunavut Water Board approve of the assignment of its 2BE-ASH0611 licence to Vaaldium (Vaaldium) Resources Ltd. These two companies have entered into a Joint Venture where Vaaldium has the option of acquiring 40% interest in Ashton Mining's properties located in the Coronation Golf area. Should this request receive Nunavut Water Board approval, Vaaldium will become the owner and operator of the Ashton Mining Project. The project area is contained within the general coordinates of 66°44'N, 113°2'W and 67°13'N, 112°52'W.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada does not oppose the assignment of the 2BE-ASH0611 licence from Ashton Mining Ltd. to Vaaldium. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada understands that Vaaldium will be obliged to follow all licence terms and conditions if it acquires this licence. When reviewing the assignment request, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada noted that the 2BE-ASH0611 licence is not posted on the <http://ftp.nunavut.ca> website. Please make a copy of this licence available for the general public and government regulators to review.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests that it be notified of any changes in the proposed project, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing.

Sincerely,  
**Original signed**  
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