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NWB File No: NWB2CHU

March 7, 2003

Jo Price, Project Geologist
Shear Minerals Ltd.
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Re: Application Acknowledgement and Requirement for Notice of the Application for the Churchill Area Project

Dear Ms. Price:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on February 28, 2003 of your water licence application for the above project. Your application included the following items:

- cover letter dated February 26, 2003
- executive summary in English AND Inuktitut
- application form
- supplementary questionnaire
- map
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Bibliography
- Environmental procedure plan

In order to complete your application we require the information as requested in the technical review emails of March 5, 2003 and the application fee of \$30.00 in cheque form, made payable to "Receiver General for Canada".

This project has been forwarded to the Nunavut Planning Commission for conformity with an approved land use plan and will be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board for their determination as to whether they require further review, or if it can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a notice of your application is required. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, a notice in both English and Inuktitut will be posted for a period of 30 days, with local establishments in Rankin Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet, Arviat and Whale Cove and Baker Lake. Copy of the notice will be available to you during the distribution process.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or nwblic@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
A/Licensing Administrator

Enclosures

cc. Paul Smith, DIAND
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