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File No: NWB2CHU

March 20, 2003

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

Subject: Shear Minerals Limited - Churchill Project - Request for Screening - New

The Nunavut Water Board received a new application on February 28, 2031 from Shear Minerals Limited for water use and waste disposal associated with 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. This review has been completed.

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 "NWB2CHU."

Please let our office know when we can expect your screening report so that we can set our deadlines accordingly.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu A/Licensing Administrator

cc. Jo Price, Shear Minerals Ltd.