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**File No: NWB2CHU0305**

June 5, 2003

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**RE: NWB Licence No. NWB2CHU0305**

Dear Ms. Price:

Please find attached licence No. NWB2CHU0305 issued to Shear Minerals Ltd. by the Nunavut Water Board (**Motion #: 2003-05-05**) pursuant to its authority under Article 13.5.5 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*. The terms and conditions of the attached Licence related to water use and waste disposal are an integral part of this approval.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by:***

Philippe di Pizzo  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Licence No. **NWB2CHU0305**

cc: Michelle McChristie, DIAND Iqaluit  
Constantine Bodykevich, DIAND Inspector  
Tongola Sandy, Lands Manager, Kitikmeot Inuit Association  
Gladys Joudrey, Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Colette Meloche, Environment Canada  
Earle Baddaloo, Department of Sustainable Development  
Jordan DeGroot, Department of Fisheries and Oceans

**APPROVAL FOR WATER USE AND WASTE DISPOSAL**

Pursuant to Article 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to Shear Minerals Ltd. authorization to use water and dispose of waste into water in conjunction with exploratory drilling operations on its Churchill Property subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein and in the applicable land use permits.

<b>APPLICATION NO:</b>	<b>NWB2CHU0305</b>
<b>LICENSEE:</b>	Shear Minerals Ltd. Suite 220, 9797-45 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Edmonton, AB E-mail: <a href="mailto:graveltech@compusmart.ab.ca">graveltech@compusmart.ab.ca</a>
<b>START DATE:</b>	June 5, 2003
<b>EXPIRY DATE:</b>	June 30, 2005
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	Water Use and Waste Disposal Associated with Exploration Drilling Operations
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Churchill Property, Kivalliq Region, Nunavut General Latitude: 63°00' N General Longitude: 92°00' W NTS Map#: 55J, 55K, 55N, 55O

This approval issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

*Original signed by:*

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Philippe di Pizzo  
Executive Director

## **PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS & ENFORCEMENT**

1. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this approval does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with all applicable legislation, guidelines, or directives.
2. This approval is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of water and the depositing of waste of any type in any waters or in any place under any conditions where such waste or any other waste that results from the deposits of such waste may enter any waters, and with respect to any other impacts of the Licensee's activities on water quality, quantity or flow, including surface drainage.
3. Definitions:
 

**"Combustible waste"** means paper, non-treated wood products, and kitchen food waste;

**"Drill waste"** means all materials or chemicals, solid or liquid, associated with drilling of bore holes and includes bore hole cuttings; and

**"Sump"** means a man-made pit, trench hollow or cavity in the earth's surface used for the purpose of depositing waste material therein.
4. The Licensee shall maintain a copy of this Licence at the sites of operation at all times.
5. Enforcement
  - i. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, exposing the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the Act.
  - ii. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.
  - iii. Inspectors appointed under the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* enjoy-with respect to this Licence, and for the purpose of enforcing this Licence, and with respect to the use of water and deposit or discharge of waste by the licensee-all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* or by other applicable law.

**PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The Licensee shall file a report with the Board no later than March 31 of the year following the calendar year reported, which shall contain the following information:
  - i. A summary report of water use and waste disposal activities;
  - ii. A list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
  - iii. Revisions to the Contingency Plan for Material Spills;
  - iv. Progressive reclamation work undertaken;
  - v. Any other details on water use or waste disposal requested by the Board by November 1 of the year being reported.
2. The NWB shall be notified of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with this project at least thirty (30) days prior to any such change.

**PART C: CONDITIONS FOR THE USE AND PROTECTION OF WATER**

1. Water use for each drill unit shall not exceed 30 cubic meters per day
2. If the drilling requires water in sufficient volume that the source water body may be drawn down the Licensee shall, at least 30 days prior to commencement of drilling, submit to the Board for approval the following: volume required, hydrological overview of the water body, details of impacts, and proposed mitigation measures. The use of streams is not recommended as a water source.
3. The Licensee shall equip all water intake hoses with a screen with an appropriate mesh size to ensure that there is no entrainment of fish.
4. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any water body.
5. The Licensee shall not do anything that will cause erosion of the banks of any body of water on or adjacent to the land and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
6. Sediment and erosion control measures shall be implemented prior to and maintained during the operation to prevent entry of sediment into water.

**PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL**

1. Areas designated for waste disposal that may impair the quality, quantity, or flow of water shall not be located within thirty (30) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any water body, unless otherwise authorized by the Board.
2. The Licensee shall incinerate all combustible waste, and shall ensure that all hazardous wastes, waste oil and non-combustible waste generated through the course of the operation are backhauled and disposed of in an approved waste disposal site.

**PART E: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO DRILLING OPERATIONS**

1. The Licensee shall ensure that all drill cuttings and any return water and sludge that cannot be re-circulated be disposed of in a properly constructed sump or an appropriate natural depression located at least thirty (30) metres from the high water mark of any adjacent water body, where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
2. No land-based drilling is to be done within thirty (30) metres of the high water mark of any water body. Drill waste from on-ice drilling shall be removed from the drill site.
3. Drilling additives or mud shall not be used in connection with holes drilled through lake ice unless they are re-circulated or contained such that they do not enter the water, or are demonstrated to be non-toxic.
4. If artesian flow is encountered, drill holes shall be plugged and permanently sealed upon project termination.
5. The Licensee shall follow the *Interim Guidelines for On-Ice Drilling in the NWT* for all on-ice drilling operations. These are:
  - i. All drill cuttings shall be removed from the ice surface;
  - ii. The release of total suspended solids in the receiving environment shall be in compliance with the Guidelines for Total Suspended Solids contained in the *Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment's (CCME) Canadian Water Quality Guidelines, Chapter 3 - Freshwater Aquatic Life*; and

- iii. For kimberlite targets, non-toxicity must be demonstrated; toxicity testing shall be done on the effluent from the drilling operation and the results shall be submitted to the Nunavut Water Board and/or an Inspector upon request.
- 6. The Licensee shall establish baseline water quality conditions before drilling through lake ice.
- 7. Winter lake and stream crossings, including ice bridges, shall be constructed entirely of water, ice or snow; stream crossings shall be removed or notched prior to spring break-up.
- 8. With respect to access road and pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into any water body is prohibited. These materials shall be disposed of above the high water mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water.

**PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

- 1. The Licensee shall submit an up-dated Contingency Plan for Material Spills, to reflect changes in spill response personnel in Nunavut, to the Board within 30 days of the issuance of this Licence. This updated Contingency Plan shall indicate the location (including GPS co-ordinates) of all fuel storage areas associated with the undertaking
- 2. If not approved by the Board, the plan referred to in Part F, Item 1 shall be revised and resubmitted within fifteen (15) days of receiving notification of the Board's decision.
- 3. The Licensee shall revise their Contingency Plan for Material Spills annually to reflect changes in personnel, operations and/or technology or as directed by the Board.
- 4. The Licensee shall ensure that any chemicals, fuel or wastes associated with the project do not enter water. All sumps and fuel caches shall be located a minimum of thirty (30) metres from the normal high water mark of any adjacent water body.

5. If, during the duration of this Licence, an unauthorized discharge of waste occurs, or if such a discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
  - i. Employ the Contingency Plan for Material Spills;
  - ii. Report the spill immediately to the 24-Hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130 and to the DIAND Water Resources Inspector at (867) 975-4298; and
  - iii. Submit to the DIAND Water Resources Inspector a detailed report, including the GPS location, on each occurrence no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event.

**PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION**

1. The Licensee shall implement the Abandonment and Restoration Plan outlined in the “Environmental Procedure Plan for Exploration and Remote Camps-February 2003”. The Plan shall be revised annually to reflect changes in operation and/or technology.
2. The Licensee shall backfill, and restore to the satisfaction of the Inspector, all sumps to the pre-existing contours of the land prior to the expiry of this permit.
3. The Licensee shall undertake progressive restoration for any components of the project no longer required for the Licensee’s operations.
4. All disturbed areas shall be stabilized and re-vegetated as required, upon completion of work, and restored to a pre-disturbed state.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF LICENCES  
ISSUED BY THE NUNAVUT WATER BOARD (NWB)**

The following conditions form an integral part of Licence No. **NWB2CHU0305**:

1. At the time of issuance, a copy of the Licence is placed on the Water Register in the NWB Head Office in Gjoa Haven. **Documents in the Register are available to the public.**
2. If the Licensee contemplates the renewal of Licence No. **NWB2CHU0305**, it is its responsibility to apply to the NWB for its renewal. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, and issues raised during a public hearing, if the NWB is required to hold one, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of the Licence renewal. Note that if the Licence expires before the NWB issues a new one, then water use and waste disposal **must cease**, or the Licensee will be in contravention of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of Licence No. **NWB2CHU0305** be filed **at least three months** before the Licence's expiry date.
3. If Licence No. **NWB2CHU0305** requires an amendment, **a public hearing may be required**. The Licensee should submit applications for amendment as soon as possible to give the NWB sufficient time to go through the amendment process. The process may vary depending on the scope of the amendment requested.
4. Any communication with respect to this Licence shall be made **in writing** to the attention of:
  - (i) **Chief Administrative Officer:**  
 Executive Director  
 Nunavut Water Board  
 P. O. Box 119  
 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0  
 Telephone: (867) 360-6338  
 Fax: (867) 360-6369
  - (ii) **Inspector Contact:**  
 Water Resources Officer  
 Nunavut District, Nunavut Region  
 P.O. Box 100  
 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0  
 Telephone: (867) 975-4298  
 Fax: (867) 979-6445
5. The Licensee shall submit one paper copy and one electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board. **Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include a detailed executive summary in Inuktitut.**