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2BE-COP1721
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May 22, 2024

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Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the New Licence Application for the Tundra Copper Corporation, Coppermine River Drilling Program, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-COP1721

Dear Richard,

Thank you for the April 23, 2024, invitation to review the above-mentioned water licence new application, submitted by Tundra Copper Corporation, for Type "B" Water Licence No 2BE-COP1721.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown Indigenous and Northern Affairs Act*. Please find CIRNAC comments and recommendations in the attached Technical Memorandum.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at Leeann.Pugh@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or (867) 975-4555 or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Pugh
Regional Water Coordinator



Technical Review Memorandum

Date: May 22, 2024

To: Richard Dwyer, Licensing Administrator, Nunavut Water Board

From: Lee Ann Pugh, Regional Water Coordinator, CIRNAC

Subject: **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the New Licence Application for the Tundra Copper Corporation, Coppermine River Drilling Program, Type B Water Licence No. 2BE-COP1721**

Region: ☒ Kitikmeot ☐ Kivalliq ☐ Qikiqtani

A. Background

Tundra Copper Corp. is planning its first phase exploration program on Crown Land that is expected to take approximately 60 days from June to late August 2024, subject to drill contractors, helicopter availability, and federal environmental regulations.

The program will consist of prospecting with a small diamond drilling program, core logging, and geological mapping to verify recent copper mineral showings and occurrences found in the 1960's and earlier.

The drill and exploration personnel will be transported by helicopter to and from site. After the drill is removed from the site, all effort and care will be taken to return the site to as near as original condition as possible.

Operations will be conducted with the utmost care and consideration for the environment and wildlife. Labor resources are expected from the community of Kugluktuk. If the project is successful, the size of the program will increase in future years and provide greater opportunities for the people of Kugluktuk.



Table 1: Summary of Recommendations

Recommendation Number	Subject
R-01	Surface Authorizations
R-02	Water Licence Fees

B. DOCUMENTS REVIEWED AND REFERENCED

The following table (Table 2) provides a list of the documents reviewed under the submission and reference during the review.

Table 2: Documents Reviewed and Referenced

Document Title	Author, File, No., Rev., Date
Assessment Report for Airborne Magnetic Survey	Tundra Copper Corp., 2024-02-20
Authorization from Tundra Copper Corp	Tundra Copper Corp., 2024-03-04
Certificate of Good Standing	Province of BC, 2023-11-30
Certificate of Registration	NU Registries, 2013-11-14
Cover Letter English	Tundra Copper Corp., 2024-03-05
Cover Letter Inuinnaqtun	Tundra Copper Corp., 2024-03-05
Environmental and Wildlife Management Plan	Tundra Copper Corp, ND
Fuel Spill Contingency Plan	Tundra Copper Corp., ND
Indemnity Bond	Tundra Copper Corp., ND
Notice of Articles	BC Registries, 2023-12-14
Project Map	Tundra Copper Corp, ND
Registration of Directors and Officers	Tundra Copper Corp., ND
Renewal Application	NWB, 2024-03-28
Waste Management Plan	Tundra Copper Corp., ND
Tundra Copper Corp Share Cert 130	BC Inc., 2023-11-30
Tundra Share Register	Securities Registrar, 2023-11-30

C. RESULTS OF REVIEW

1. Surface Authorizations

Comment:

In section 6 of the Water Licence Application, the Applicant states the proposed undertaking will be carried out on the surface of Crown Land under the authority of CIRNAC. CIRNAC notes the Date (expected date) of issuance and date of expiry for the authorization is missing.



Recommendation:

(R-01) CIRNAC recommends the Applicant provide the missing information to the Board before the issuance of a water licence.

2. Water Licence Fees

Comment:

In Part B: General Conditions, Item 1 of Water Licence 2BE-COP1721, it states, *“The water use fees, payable to the Receiver General for Canada, shall be sent to the Board annually for the right to the use of water in accordance with section 12 of the Regulations.”*

Recommendation:

(R-02) CIRNAC recommends the Applicant confirm and make payment to any outstanding water licence fees to the Board before the issuance of a water licence.