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Sent: Friday, May 06, 2011 4:20 PM
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Subject: FW: 2BE-CRA amendment

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By Licensing Administrative Assistant at 4:20 pm, May 05, 2011

Ida, for the amendment application on 2BE-CRA1015, please include the response (below) from Jo Price of North Country Gold Corp., with our file information. I also have a short response from EC on an inquiry that I will forward as well.

Thanks

From: Jo Price [mailto:jop@northcountrygold.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 05, 2011 7:16 PM
To: dts@nunavutwaterboard.org
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Subject: RE: 2BE-CRA amendment

Ok no problem Dave.

I'm in camp at the moment so bets get me on the email.

Let me know if the below makes more sense.

Thanks

Jo

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From: David Hohnstein [mailto:dts@nunavutwaterboard.org]
Sent: May-05-11 5:41 PM
To: jop@northcountrygold.com
Subject: RE: 2BE-CRA amendment
Importance: High

Thanks Jo,
(I thought I'd sent this earlier today but found it still on my desktop when ready to leave...so finally, I was wondering why I hadn't heard anything back. ☺)

I believe we are still waiting for approval forms back from a couple members on the file. (requests for decisions recently have been going to the full Board, rather than just a panel of three, so it is taking a bit more time to get the full quorum back). Once back, we should get the draft finalized and out. I hope we can wrap this up by Friday but have a couple questions for you, for clarification. If you have time, not sure if you are in the office or field, could you please give me a call?

Points to think on:

- 1) Water use volumes; the information indicated and increase in water to 50m³/day for the Hayes Camp, are

the other camps still being used? The total requested was 295, so if the others are being used, should we be included their volumes in the 50m3? 50m3/day is considerably high for a 100person camp;

It is a lot. If we use the other camps, that will be including in the 50m3. We wanted to max out our potential 300m3 allotment so we don't have to amend down the road if we open more camps. It doesn't mean we will use that amount.

- 2) Wastewater Treatment System; you had indicated in the O&M that chlorine would be used for disinfection (sec 4.2.8), however the information included in the information from PEAK, indicates UV disinfection with Bleach (Chlorine 12%) used to clean/rinse the membranes (preventative or corrective maintenance). One situation is continuous, where the other would be on an as-needed basis only. In either case, there is no mention of chlorine removal prior to discharge/release. I have a call into EC with respect to chlorine residuals, but I believe the requirement is very low for effluents;

Yes. We will monitor as we install. We are having a professional come up and train us. This likely won't happen till June/July.

- 3) Also, with respect to item 2, has there been any fisheries assessments carried out for the downstream receiving environment from the WWTS? A concern with the effluent stream from camp;

Not yet. We are having Hemmera come up this year to start this work.

- 4) The above two I think are fairly simple, this next one we (Karen and I) are having some difficulty with. It is a bit confusing as to the timing of construction of the all weather road to the three bluffs deposit, river crossing, road to Hercules airstrip and the use of quarry material that has yet to be identified. Quarry materials from the potential sites identified close to the Hayes Camp appear to be intended for use on the upgraded esker airstrip, cover materials and reclaimed when done. No other quarries have been identified nor have quantities been established. These are items to be carried out in the spring/summer 2011 and if time allows, some construction to begin late august through to end of September. The main issue here is that the design, route and requirements (material, drainage etc.) of the road have yet to be identified, quarries located and material characterized (for ARD and metal leaching), the river crossing is not known (therefore design) and the requirements of the all weather Hercules airstrip are an unknown.

Yes.. confusing. We are planning start the construction of the upgrade to the strip as soon as the weather allows and we have sufficient melting – so sometime in May/June starting with clearing snow of the area. Earthworks should start sometime after that, July we suspect, and opening up the quarry pit for extraction and crushing of material to use as a top coat for the strip. So while we are doing earthworks around camp, and installing a small 40' bridge (clear span) so we can move equipment to the other side of the esker for that other quarry pit and the start of the road corridor, we intend to walk and stake exactly where we need the Three Bluffs Road, together with some permafrost, ARD and engineering work to make sure its in the correct spot. Once we have a location and plan, we will submit that to the NWB for your approval before proceeding. Realistically, we won't be able to start the road construction till late Aug, Sept at the earliest. Most will be done the following season. We will also identify any other quarries and volume of material we may require and submit applications for quarry permits as required. These will also be on our plan that we submit to you.

At this point, we do not intent to permit for the new herc strip and potential Hayes River bridge till fall of 2012 to allow us time to complete all the required work inorder to permit that. If we decide that the current upgrade to the current strip is meeting our needs, we may decide not to permit a new herc strip at all. That decision will be made at the end of this year. For now, we'd like to concentrate of the camp and its upgrades and figure out a location for the road with the corridor.

If you could spend a few minutes on the above (not sure if there is anything else I've missed), then give me a quick shout and hopefully we'll be able to get the amendment to you shortly. I apologize for the last few days here,

Karen and I have been going back and forth on some of the issues trying to figure things out.

Regards,

Dave