

Environmental Protection Operations Qimugjuk Building 969 P.O. Box 1870 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Tel: (867) 975-4631 Fax: (867) 975-4645

18 November 2010

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board PO Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0 EC file: 4703 001 077 NWB file: 2BE-CRA1015

Via email: licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

## RE: 2BE-CRA1015 Niblack Mineral Development Inc. Application for Assignment – Kitikmeot Region

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding this application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Niblack Mineral Development Inc. is proposing to assign water license 2BE-CRA1015 to North Country Gold Corp. Based on the information presented at this time, EC has no real concerns with the assignment provided that the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the application and that they are in compliance with the existing water license. Terms and conditions applied to the existing water license should be carried forward in the assignment.

If there are any additional changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Previous comments and recommendations submitted by EC staff relating to this license would still apply. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Paula C. Smith

**Environmental Assessment Coordinator** 

cc: Carey Ogilvie (Head, Environmental Assessment-North, EPO, EC, Yellowknife, NT)
Ron Bujold (Environmental Assessment Technician, EPO, EC, Yellowknife, NT)