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**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's comments on
2BE-CRA1520 Water Licence Renewal Application**

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your February 24, 2020 email invitation to review and comment on the above-referenced water licence renewal application.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) reviewed the submitted application documents, pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*, and would like to provide the following comments to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration.

In the renewal cover letter, the licensee stated that nine (9) updated management plans were attached to the renewal application. CIRNAC is unable to locate any management plan in the application package and would like to request that these updated plans be made available for review.

A maximum of 245 m³/day of water is requested to support drilling activities, which would potentially generate drilling wastes. CIRNAC notes that drilling waste is not listed in the response to item 15 of the Water Licence Renewal Application document (i.e., 15, Quantity and Quality of Waste Involved), and recommends that such information be provided in the renewal application.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review. If there is any question, please contact me at (867) 975-4555 or david.zhong@canada.ca or Mr.

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Sincerely,

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