

Water Resources Division Nunavut Regional Office Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Your File: 2BE-CRO
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Sept 10, 2008

Richard Dwyer Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0A 1J0

Re: <u>2BE-CRO – Crooks Inlet Project – True North Gems Inc. – New Water License Application</u>

Please be advised that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has completed a review of a New Type B Water License Application for the Crooks Inlet Project in the Qikiqtani Region. All associated documents related to this license posted on your ftp site under 2BE-CRO were included in my review (see attached Technical Review Memo).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4738 or by email at CullA@ainc-ianc.gc.ca

Sincerely,

Original Signed By

Andrea Cull Water Management Specialist



Technical Review Memo

To: Richard Dwyer - Licensing Administrator, Nunavut Water Board

From: Andrea Cull – Water Management Specialist, Indian & Northern Affairs

Canada

Re: <u>2BE-CRO – Crooks Inlet Project – True North Gems Inc. – New Water</u> License Application

The application was submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) on June 10, 2008 by Luc D. Lepage of True North Gems Inc. All associated documents related to this license posted on your ftp site under 2BE-CRO were included in my review.

Project:

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Project: Roberts Lake Project

Location: Latitude: 63°03'30"N; Longitude: 70°45'00"W

Purpose: Prospecting

Type: "B"

True North Gems Inc. is applying for a multi-year Type B Water Licence Application to do mineral prospecting at Crooks inlet, 60km NW of the Hamlet of Kimmirut, Nunavut. There well be at least two camps setup within the prospecting permits' area. These small tent camps well be able to accommodate 4-6 people.

As a result of the review INAC recommends that the Nunavut Water Board impose standard conditions suitable for this size of project and consider the following comments when approving this water license application.

Recommendations:

- The Proponent is required to remove all waste materials such as general wastes, chemicals used at the camps, and petroleum products and back hauled for proper disposal at an approved facility.
- All sumps, whether for the disposal of grey water or drilling wastes, should be positioned at least 30 m from the high water mark of nearby water bodies. Furthermore, all sumps should be backfilled, mounded to





facilitate the shedding of water and contoured to match the surrounding landscape prior to the end of the projects field program.

- The Spill Contingency Plan should clarify that all fuel catches will be located above the high mark of any water body. Further, secondary containment, such as a self-supporting berm, is recommended when storing barrelled fuel on-site.
- The Response Action, of the Spill Contingency Plan should make reference to the Nunavut Spill Report Line and include a copy of the Nunavut Spill Report Form. This form can be obtained from the Nunavut Water Board public registry at http://www.nunavutwaterboard.org. Please note that the 24-hour Spill Report Line telephone number is (867) 920-8130 and facsimile number is (867) 873-6924. Furthermore, INAC requests the proponent report all spills to Peter Kusugak, INAC Manager of Filed Operations, phone: 867-975-4295, fax 867-975-6445 as well as the Nunavut Spill Report Line.
- Cc. Kevin Buck, Manager of Water Resources Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Nunavut Regional Office

