

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

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June 11, 2009

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

Re: Indicator Minerals Inc. – 2008 Annual Report – Darby Project – Type "B" Water Licence (2BE-DBY0509)

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) could not complete a review of Indicator Minerals Inc. 2008 Annual Report for the Darby Project situated in the Kitikmeot Region. The proponent submitted a letter to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) on March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 requesting that the annual report be kept confidential due to proprietary information contained within the report that is part of their active ongoing exploration program. A letter from the Board on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 was sent to Karen-Jane Weir of Indicator Minerals Inc. stating that, "The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has completed a technical review of the 2008 Annual Report. The Annual Report was found to be mostly complete and has been accepted".

## **Comments/Recommendations:**

INAC is in the opinion that Indicator Minerals (Proponent or Licencee) should be required to submit relevant information related to the annual report requirements (i.e., fuel storage, # of spills, hazardous waste removed, water use, sewage disposal, etc.) listed in the water license.
INAC plays a role in overall water management in Nunavut both as an interested party during the review process and through the inspection process. INAC reviews Annual Reports to determine compliance with water licenses. Any contraventions are forwarded to our Field Operations



Unit (an Inspector) for follow-up. The Board should disseminate the info or the proponent should supply info that is not confidential.

 The Proponent is also reminded that in order to avoid delays in obtaining a renewal of their licence which is scheduled to expire on November 30, 2009, a renewal application should be sent to the Board at least 3 months prior to the expiry date.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at (867) 975-4568 or by email at <a href="mailto:lan.Rumbolt@inac-ainc.gc.ca">lan.Rumbolt@inac-ainc.gc.ca</a>.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Cc. Kevin Buck, Manager of Water Resources – Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Nunavut Regional Office

