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Subject: Tri Origin Exploration Ltd. – Edehon Lake Project – New Type "B"

## Dear Chris:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of your application for a new Water License on July 27, 2005 for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling operations for the Edehon Lake Project, in the Kivalliq region. The application, a copy of which can be obtained from our ftp site (<a href="http://ftp.nunavut.ca">http://ftp.nunavut.ca</a> in folder nwb / NWB2 Exploration and sub-folder NWB2EDE) or by contacting our office, consists of the following items:

- Cover letters dated July 25 and July 27, 2005
- Water license application form, received July 27, 2005
- Supplementary questionnaire, received July 27, 2005
- Maps, diagrams, received July 27 & 29, 2005
- Application fee, water use fee, received July 29, 2005
- Copy of BHP-Tri Origin South Keewatin Property Agreement, received July 29, 2005
- Keewatin project summary in English, received July 27, 2005
- Environmental Accreditation, received July 27, 2005
- Spill Emergency Contingency Plan & Site Restoration Plan, received July 27, 2005
- MSDS Sheets, received July 27, 2005

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* ("Act"). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

The NWB Technical Advisor, Joe Murdock, telephone (867) 360-6338, assigned to your application may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

However, before your application can be processed further by the NWB, it is subject to sections 38(1) to 38(5) of the Act and therefore must first be reviewed by the **Nunavut Planning**Commission (NPC) to determine its conformity with an approved land use plan. By copy of this letter to the NPC, we are formally asking our sister board to undertake this determination and inform the NWB of its decision.

Pursuant to Section 13.7.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement this application is of a class that does not require a public hearing, and is therefore exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, as per Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA. We are consequently requesting **NPC to forward the application back to the NWB** when its determination is complete.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representations directly to the NWB within 30 days from the date of this letter. Please note that a Spill Contingency Plan & Site Restoration Plan was also received with the application and will require review. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed.

Sincerely,

## Original signed by:

Richard Dwyer Licensing Trainee

Enclosure: Notice of Application

cc: Kivalliq Distribution List