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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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NWB File No: 2BE-GEO2025

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Subject: Application Acknowledgement for George Lake Project

Dear Mr. Keefe:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt on May 14, 2025 of water licence application for renewal, for the George Lake Project. This application has been assigned file number 2BE-GEO2025. Please refer to this number in future submissions. Application documents received are as follows:

- Application for Water Licence Renewal
- AR Plan
- Certificate of Change of Name
- Certificate of Incorporation
- Letter of Authorization
- NIRB Screening Decisions
- NPC Determinations
- Plain Language Summaries
- Project Map
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Tables of Mineral Tenure and Authorizations

Please be advised that under the Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) Article 11, Section 11.5.9 and s. 76 (1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the proponent of a project governed by NuPPAA is also required to submit a project proposal document directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for the NPC’s determination regarding the applicable land use planning requirements and/or directions regarding whether the project is subject to screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. In particular, please note that as established under Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Nunavut Agreement, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, until the project has completed the



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applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence/approval.

The NWB confirms receipt of NPC conformity under NuPPAA on May 16, 2025 and NIRB determination through NPC under NuPPAA on May 16, 2025. This application is now ready for review and comments. Deadline for submissions is June 11, 2025.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Richard Dwyer

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