

Hackett River Exploration Project: Application for Water Licence Amendment

The Hackett River Exploration Project (the Project) is located in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut about 625 km southwest of Gjoa Haven and 110 km south of the community of Bathurst Inlet. The Project is owned and operated by Xstrata Zinc. The Project includes operation of a seasonal camp and an airstrip (on ice in winter, on land in summer), as well as an exploration program including operation of several diamond drills. Environmental studies related to the proposed mine development are also taking place.

Xstrata is applying for an amendment to the existing water licence for Hackett River (2BE-HAK0915) to accommodate an increase in camp size (up to 90 people) and an expansion of the drill program (up to six drills). The current licence permits use of two hundred and fifty (250) cubic meters per day of water. This application includes an increase in water use to two hundred and ninety nine (299) cubic meters per day.