

November 10, 2015 **NWB File No: 2BE-HAK0914** 

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Subject: 2BE-HAK0914 Renewal Application Acknowledgement for the Hackett River Project

Dear Mr. Boucher:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt on November 2, 2015 of your renewal water licence application, for the Hackett River Project. This application has been assigned file number 2BE-HAK0914. Please refer to this number on future submissions.

Please be advised that under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), 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 (which may include the water licence application) 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 NLCA, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, until the project has completed the applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence.

Consequently, if you have not already done so, please consult with the NPC regarding the applicable land use planning and assessment requirements for the project and submit the required documentation to the NPC directly. While the NWB awaits the NPC's determination and/or directions indicating that the project may proceed to the licensing stage, the NWB may commence an administrative check for completeness and a preliminary internal technical review. If, during this time, the NWB identifies deficiencies in your application, you may be notified of any additional information requirements. It should be noted, however, that the NWB's official processing of the application will commence following issuance and receipt of the relevant decision(s) from the NPC and/or NIRB.

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

Sincerely,

Robin Ikkutisluk Licensing Administrator

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