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RE: NWB Renewal Water Licence No: 2BE-HAK2631

Dear Ms. Landriault:

Please find attached Licence No: **2BE-HAK2631** issued to Glencore Canada Corporation (Glencore or Licensee) by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*. The terms and conditions of the attached Licence related to Water use and Waste disposal are an integral part of this approval.

If the Licensee contemplates the renewal of this Licence, it is the responsibility of the Licensee to apply to the NWB for its renewal. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, and issues raised during a public hearing, if the NWB is required to hold one, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of the Licence renewal. Note that if the Licence expires before the NWB issues a new one, then Water use and Waste disposal must cease, or the Licensee may be in contravention of the *Nunavut Agreement* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA)*. However, the expiry or cancellation of a licence does not relieve the holder from any obligations imposed by the licence. The NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of this Licence be filed at least **three (3) months** prior to the Licence expiry date.

If the Licensee contemplates or requires an amendment to this Licence, the NWB may decide, in the public's interest, to hold a public hearing. The Licensee should submit applications for amendment as soon as possible to give the NWB sufficient time to go through the amendment process. The process and timing may vary depending on the scope of the amendment; however, a minimum of **sixty (60) days** is required from time of acceptance by the NWB. It is the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure that all application materials have been received and are acknowledged by the Manager of Licensing.

It should be noted that in accordance with Section 75(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)*, the Board is not allowed to issue a permit or authorization for any project proposal that has not been submitted to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) in accordance with Section 76 of *NuPPAA*.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

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Enclosure: Licence No: **2BE-HAK2631**
Comments – CIRNA, ECCC, DFO

Cc: Distribution List – Kitikmeot

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I. BACKGROUND

The Hackett River Project (Project) is owned and operated by Glencore Canada Corporation (Glencore). The Project is situated on Crown Land and Inuit Owned Land, approximately 104 kilometres south of Bathurst Inlet in the Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut within the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut. The Project, which has been in existence since 2004, has operated under several consecutive water licences issued by the NWB. The Project involves exploration activities and environmental baselines studies supported by a camp, two airstrips (on ice in winter, on land in summer), three helipads and a jetty/floating dock. The Project transitioned to Care and Maintenance in 2013 and continued to remain under Care and Maintenance during the previous term of this Water Licence. Glencore has indicated that exploration activities may resume during this renewed term. Further, Glencore has also stated that environmental studies related to a proposed mine development would also take place during exploration.

In the current Application, Glencore notes that the scope of activities currently authorized under Water Licence No: 2BE-HAK2126 will remain unchanged, which includes the following:

- Continued use of up to 299 m³ of Water daily: 30 m³/day for domestic purposes and 269 m³/day for on-land and on-ice drilling as well as for the construction of ice airstrips;
- Continuation of exploration work and related activities including drilling and environmental baseline studies;
- Continued operation of a land based and on-ice airstrips;
- Continued use of the existing camp infrastructure during care and maintenance and for future exploration work; and
- Progressive reclamation of the project site.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 24, 2025, Glencore Canada Corporation (Glencore or Licensee) submitted to the NWB an Application requesting the renewal of Water Licence No: 2BE-HAK2126. The following documents were included within the Application package:

- Cover Letter
- Water Licence Renewal Application
- Project Maps
- NPC Conformity Determination
- NIRB Screening Decision Reports
- Summary of Environmental Studies
- Plain Language Summaries
- Payment of NWB Application Fee and Deposit
- Table of Leases and Authorizations
- Certificate of Name Change
- Engagement Record
- Representative Authorization
- Spill Contingency Plan (February 17, 2025)
- A&R Plan – Includes Cost Estimate (December 2024)

With respect to pre-licensing requirements, the NWB received the Nunavut Planning Commission’s (NPC) Land Use Conformity Determination¹ for the Undertaking indicating that the project proposal falls outside of the area of an applicable land use plan and that a screening by Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is not required.

On November 26, 2025, following a preliminary internal technical review, the NWB concluded that the Application met the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA or Act)* and forwarded Notice of the Application to interested parties. All parties were invited to make representations to the NWB by January 13, 2026.

By the deadline of January 13, 2026, the NWB received submissions from Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). In their submissions, ECCC and DFO stated that they had no comments or recommendations at this time.

The Licensee responded to CIRNA’s comments on January 29, 2026. CIRNA submitted follow-up recommendations on February 5, 2026.

Complete details on interveners’ submissions received as well as the information provided for the Application are available from the NWB File Transfer Protocol (FTP) site using the following link:

[Hackett River Project Renewal](#)

III. FILE HISTORY

The NWB has issued the following Licences to this Project in the past.

Licence No.	Date Issued	Comments
NWB2HAK0406	June 1, 2004	Initial Licence issued to Sabina Gold & Silver Corporation (Sabina) allowed for the use of 135 cubic metres of Water daily and the deposit of Waste for a Mining and Milling undertaking
2BE-HAK0606	June 1, 2006	Renewal Licence, Water use of up to 205 m ³ /day and the deposit of Waste in support of a Mining and Milling Undertaking
2BE-HAK0709	March 2, 2007	Renewal Licence, Water use of 198.7 m ³ /day and the deposit of Waste in support of a Mining and Milling Undertaking

¹ Nunavut Planning Commission, determination #150964, dated November 21, 2025

2BE-HAK0915	December 14, 2009	Renewal Licence, Water use of 250 m ³ /day and the deposit of Waste in support of a Mining and Milling Undertaking
2BE-HAK0915 Amendment No. 1	June 11, 2010	Amended Licence allowed to re-allocate a fraction of the existing Water quantity towards use for a temporary camp facility and to maintain an ice strip while keeping the maximum total quantity of Water use under the Licence at 250 m ³ /day
	November 10, 2011	Licence assigned from Sabina to Xstrata Canada Corporation
2BE-HAK0915 Amendment No. 2	September 10, 2013	Increase of quantity of Water use to 299 m ³ / day
	July 30, 2013	Xstrata Canada Corporation changed its name to Glencore Canada Corporation (Glencore)
2BE-HAK1621	March 21, 2016	Renewal Licence without any changes to the original scope issued to Glencore
2BE-HAK2126	March 30, 2021	Renewal Licence without any changes to the original scope issued to Glencore

IV. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The issuance of this Licence No: **2BE-HAK2631** will replace Licence No: 2BE-HAK2126. Since the project activities have remained the same as with the previous Licence, all terms and conditions in the renewal Licence will remain unchanged.

Term of the Licence

In accordance with s. 45 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA or Act)*, the NWB may issue a licence for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years. In determining an appropriate term for a renewal licence, the Board generally takes into consideration several factors including Interveners' comments, the Licensee's compliance history, as well as the rationale contained in the Application.

In the renewal Application, the Licensee has requested a five (5) year term. No concerns were expressed regarding the requested term. The Board, in examining the factors stated above, felt that the requested term was acceptable for this type of Undertaking.

The Board has therefore granted a five (5) year term for the Licence. In so doing, the Board believes and expects that the five-year term will provide the Licensee with opportunities to consistently abide by the terms and conditions in the Licence over time and provide ongoing compliance record prior to a need for renewal.

Annual Reporting

Under Part B, Item 2 of the Licence, the Licensee is required to submit Annual Reports for the purpose of ensuring that the NWB has an accurate annual update of activities related to Water use and Waste disposal during each calendar year. This information is maintained on the Public Registry and is available to interested parties upon request. A “Standardized Form for Annual Reporting” is to be used by the Licensee and is available from the NWB file transfer protocol (FTP) site under the Public Registry link at the NWB Website:

[Standardized Form for Annual Reporting](#)

Water Use

The quantity of water requested in this renewal Application remains unchanged. The Licensee shall obtain Water, up to a maximum of two hundred and ninety-nine (299) cubic metres *per* day (269 cubic metres daily for drilling and ice-strip construction and maintenance, and 30 cubic metres daily for domestic use). Water for domestic use shall come from Camp Lake. Water for drilling shall be obtained from local sources proximal to the drilling targets.

No concerns were expressed by the Interveners with respect to the requested freshwater amount, or to the manner in which it is obtained or used. Therefore, the Water use conditions imposed by previous Water Licence has been carried forward into current Licence under Part C.

Deposit of Waste

Waste management terms and conditions remain unchanged from the previous Licence and are included in Part D of the Licence.

Greywater shall be directed to a settling area; Sewage shall be disposed in a Pacto toilet followed by incineration; Combustible solid wastes shall be incinerated and residue backhauled to Yellowknife for disposal; Non-combustible waste, sludge, waste oil, bulky item, and hazardous wastes shall be backhauled to Yellowknife for disposal; and drill cutting shall be pumped to a selected sump for disposal.

Camp

Camp use is authorized. Conditions regarding camp use are included in Part E of the Licence.

Spill Contingency Plan

The Licensee has submitted the plan titled “*Spill Contingency Plan Hackett River Exploration Project*” dated February 3, 2025, during the Application review process. This Plan is being approved by the Board with the issuance of the Licence. Conditions applying to spill contingency planning are included in Part H of the Licence.

Closure and Reclamation Plan

The Licensee has submitted the plan titled “*Abandonment and Restoration Plan Hackett River Exploration Project*” dated December 12, 2024, during the Application review process. This Plan is being approved by the Board with the issuance of the Licence. Conditions applying to closure and reclamation are included in Part I of the Licence

Monitoring

All Monitoring requirements imposed by the previous Water Licence have been carried forward into current Licence under Part J. It should also be noted that additional sampling may be imposed by the Inspector.

Summary of received comments

CIRNA – February 5, 2026

1. CIRNA recommended that the Licensee submit an updated Waste Management Plan

Response: An approved Waste Management Plan exists and no material changes were deemed necessary.

2. CIRNA recommended that the Licensee provide missing information related to the Spill Contingency Plan.

Response: The Licensee confirmed that SDSs are available in hardcopy on site and that ERP refers to the spill response procedures outlined in section 7 of this SCP rather than a separate stand-alone plan. An addendum was provided with the missing information as requested.

3. CIRNA recommended some updates to the Abandonment and Restoration Plan.

Response: The Licensee confirmed that the outdated references have been removed and a revision log has been added to the front of the attached plan.

4. CIRNA recommended that the Licensee update the post closure monitoring duration in the Abandonment and Restoration Plan to 25 years to ensure chemical and physical stability of the site.

Response: The Licensee stated that this Project consists entirely of temporary structures and does not include any engineered facilities, tailings storage facilities, landfills, landfarms, or bulk fuel storage. The Project does not have prescribed monitoring stations or post-closure monitoring requirements. The Licensee has voluntarily offered to conduct two years of post-closure monitoring and considers CIRNA’s recommendation for a 25 years post closure monitoring duration to be unreasonable.

5. CIRNA recommended that the Licensee update minor discrepancies between plans such

as the number of helicopter pads and distances between the closest communities.

Response: The Licensee confirmed that both the Spill Contingency Plan and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan mention that there are 3 heli-pads and this information is not addressed in the Waste Management Plan. The Abandonment and Restoration Plan is the only plan that notes the distance to a local community (Cambridge Bay; approximately 300 km away).

6. CIRNA recommended that the Licensee provide an update to the concerns brought up in the 2016 Inspection Report.

Response: The Licensee confirmed that all issues identified in Inspector Eva Paul's 2016 report were addressed, and that this was confirmed with Ms. Paul on her subsequent site inspection the following year.

All comments were addressed by the Applicant on February 5, 2026. CIRNA stated that they were not satisfied with the Licensee's responses to their information requests #1, #4 and #5.

While the NWB understands CIRNA's concerns regarding updates to the management plans, it also takes into consideration the fact that the Project has been in care and maintenance for the entire duration of the existing Licence and may continue to do so for the upcoming term of the renewed Licence. At this time, the NWB is accepting the plans submitted by the Licensee with this renewal Application. Once exploration activities resume, the NWB will request the Licensee to submit new/updated management plans.

DECISION

LICENCE NUMBER: 2BE-HAK2631

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to an application dated November 24, 2025 for a renewal of a Water Licence made by:

GLENCORE CANADA CORPORATION

to allow for the use of Water and the deposit of Waste during exploration and related activities including prospecting, geological mapping, geophysical surveys, land-based and on-ice drilling, reverse circulation drilling, use of on-ice airstrip, thermistor installation, and data collection at the Hackett River Project, located within the Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut, at the following geographical coordinates:

Project Extents:	Latitude: 66° 10' N	Longitude: 108° 45' W
	Latitude: 65° 10' N	Longitude: 106° 45' W
Camp Location:	Latitude: 65° 55' N	Longitude: 108° 22' W

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the Application is for a proposal that falls outside of an area with an approved land use plan in place, and is exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in accordance with section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement, as determined by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)², the NWB decided that the Application could proceed through the regulatory process. In accordance with s. 55.1 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (Act)* and Article 13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, public notice of the Application was given and interested persons were invited to make representations to the NWB.

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and considering the representations made by interested persons, the NWB, having given due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope, and intent of the *Nunavut Agreement* and of the *Act*, waived the requirement to hold a public hearing, and determined that:

Licence No: 2BE-HAK2126 be renewed as Licence No: 2BE-HAK2631 subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. (Motion #: 2025-B1-017)

Signed this 26th day of MARCH, 2026 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

Lootie Toomasie
Nunavut Water Board, Chair

LT/as/rh

² Nunavut Planning Commission, determination #150964, dated November 21, 2025.



NUNAVUT WATER BOARD RENEWAL WATER LICENCE

Licence No: 2BE-HAK2631

Pursuant to the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to

GLENCORE CANADA CORPORATION

(Licensee)

SUITE 400 – 8801 TRANSCANADA HIGHWAY, ST. LAURENT, QC H4S 1Z6,

(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use Water or dispose of Waste for a period subject to restrictions and conditions contained within this Licence Renewal:

Licence Number/Type: **2BE-HAK2631 / TYPE B**

Water Management Area: **QUEEN MAUD GULF WATERSHED (30)**

Location: **HACKETT RIVER PROJECT
KITIKMEOT REGION, NUNAVUT**

Classification: **MINING UNDERTAKING**

Purpose: **DIRECT USE OF WATER AND DEPOSIT OF WASTE**

Quantity of Water use not to Exceed: **TWO HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINE (299) CUBIC METRES PER DAY**

Effective Date: **APRIL 1, 2026**

Expiry of Licence: **MARCH 31, 2031**

This Licence renewal, issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

**Lootie Toomasie,
Nunavut Water Board, Chair**

PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Scope

This Licence the use of Water and the deposit of Waste for a Mining undertaking classified as per Schedule 1 of the *Regulations* at the Hackett River Project, located approximately 104 kilometres south of Bathurst Inlet in the Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut.

- a. This Licence is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of Water and the depositing of Waste of any type in any Waters or in any place under any conditions where such Waste or any other Waste that results from the deposits of such Waste may enter any Waters. Whenever new Regulations are made or existing *Regulations* are amended by the Governor in Council under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, or other statutes imposing more stringent conditions relating to the quantity or type of Waste that may be so deposited or under which any such Waste may be so deposited, this Licence shall be deemed, upon promulgation of such Regulations, to be subject to such requirements; and
- b. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all applicable Federal, Territorial and Municipal legislation.

2. Definitions

“**Act**” means the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

“**Addendum**” means the supplemental text that is added to a full plan or report usually included at the end of the document and is not intended to require a full resubmission of the revised report;

“**Amendment**” means a change to original terms and conditions of this Licence requiring correction, addition or deletion of specific terms and conditions of the Licence; modifications inconsistent with the terms of the set terms and conditions of the Licence;

“**Appurtenant Undertaking**” means an undertaking in relation to which a use of Water or a deposit of Waste is permitted by a licence issued by the Board;

“**Board**” means the Nunavut Water Board established under the *Nunavut Agreement* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

“**Effluent**” means treated or untreated liquid Waste material that is discharged into the environment from a structure such as a settling pond, landfarm or a treatment plant;

“**Engineer**” means a professional engineer registered to practice in Nunavut in

accordance with the *Consolidation of Engineers and Geoscientists Act S. Nu 2008, c.2* and the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act S.N.W.T. 2006, c.16 Amended by S.N.W.T. 2009, c.12*;

“**Greywater**” means all liquid Wastes from showers, baths, sinks, kitchens and domestic washing facilities, but does not include toilet Wastes;

“**High Water Mark**” means the usual or average level to which a body of Water rises at its highest point and remains for sufficient time so as to change the characteristics of the land (ref. Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Operational Statement: Mineral Exploration Activities);

“**ICP Scan**” means the laboratory method for determining trace metals in Water through Emission Spectroscopy using inductively coupled plasma (including from approximately 22 to 32 elements, depending on the laboratory performing the analysis);

“**Inspector**” means an Inspector designated by the Minister under Section 85 (1) of the *Act*;

“**Licensee**” means the holder of this Licence;

“**Modification**” means an alteration to a physical work that introduces a new structure or eliminates an existing structure and does not alter the purpose or function of the work, but does not include an expansion;

“**Nunavut Agreement**” means the “*Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*”, including its preamble and schedules, and any amendments to that agreement made pursuant to it;

“**Regulations**” means the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* SOR/2013-69 18th April, 2013;

“**Secondary Containment**” means an impermeable structure, external to and separate from primary containment, which prevents unplanned spills of hazardous materials and provides a minimum capacity of 110% of the original vessel. Where multiple vessels are stored within the containment, it must provide a minimum capacity equal to the sum of the largest vessel and 10% of the aggregate volume of all other vessels located in the containment. This structure shall also provide containment and control of hoses and nozzles

“**Sewage**” means all toilet Wastes and greywater;

“**Spill Contingency Plan**” means a Plan developed to deal with unforeseen petroleum and hazardous materials events that may occur during the operations conducted under the Licence;

“Sump or Sumps” A structure or depression that collects, controls, and filters liquid Waste before it is released to the environment. This structure should be designed to prevent erosion while allowing percolation of liquid Waste;

“Toilet Wastes” means all human excreta and associated products, but does not include greywater;

“Waste” or **“Wastes”** means, as defined in s.4 of the *Act*, any substance that, by itself or in combination with other substances found in Water, would have the effect of altering the quality of any Water to which the substance is added to an extent that is detrimental to its use by people or by any animal, fish or plant, or any Water that would have that effect because of the quantity or concentration of the substances contained in it or because it has been treated or changed, by heat or other means.

“Water” or **“Waters”** means Waters as defined in section 4 of the *Act*.

3. **Enforcement**

- a. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the *Act*, subjecting the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the *Act*;
- b. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the *Act*; and
- c. For the purpose of enforcing this Licence and with respect to the use of Water and deposit or discharge of Waste by the Licensee, Inspectors appointed under the *Act*, hold all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the *Act* or by other applicable law.

PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Water use fees for the right to the use of Water shall be paid annually in accordance with Section 12 of the *Regulations*.
2. The Licensee shall file an Annual Report on the Appurtenant Undertaking with the Board no later than the 31st of March of the year following the calendar year being reported, containing the following information:
 - a. A summary report of Water use and Waste disposal activities;
 - b. Quantity of Water (in cubic metres/day) obtained for domestic and other purposes from sources on, in or flowing through Inuit-owned lands for the reporting period;
 - c. Quantity of Water (in cubic metres/day) obtained for domestic and other purposes from sources on, in or flowing through Crown Lands reporting period;

- d. Quantity of Waste disposed of on on-site Waste disposal facility;
 - e. Quantity of Waste backhauled to approved facility for disposal;
 - f. A list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
 - g. Any revisions to the Spill Contingency Plan, Abandonment and Restoration Plan, and any other Plans as required by *Part B, Item 7*, submitted in the form of an Addendum;
 - h. A description of all progressive and or final reclamation work undertaken, including photographic records of site conditions before, during and after completion of operations;
 - i. Report all artesian flow occurrences as required under *Part F, Item 3*;
 - j. A summary of all information requested and results of the Monitoring Program;
 - k. A brief Summary, including the location in degrees, minutes and seconds of all temporary camps established, in use or abandoned during the year being reported;
 - l. A summary, including photographic records before, during and after any relevant construction activities or Modifications and/or major maintenance work carried out on facilities under this Licence and an outline of any work anticipated for the next year;
 - m. Detailed discussion on the performance, installation, and evaluation, including the use of photographic record, of the primary and secondary containment functions used in fuel storage to safeguard impacts to freshwaters;
 - n. Detailed discussion on the performance, installation, and evaluation, including the use of photographic record, of the primary and secondary containment functions used in fuel storage to safeguard impacts to freshwaters; and
 - o. Any other details on Water use or Waste disposal requested by the Board by the 1st of November of the year being reported.
3. The Licensee shall notify the NWB of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with this Project at least thirty (30) days prior to any such change.
 4. The Licensee shall install flow meters or other such devices, or implement suitable methods required for the measuring of Water volumes as required under *Part J, Item 1*.
 5. The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, include a proposed timetable for implementation. Plans submitted, cannot be undertaken without subsequent written Board approval and direction. The Board may alter or modify a Plan if necessary to achieve the legislative objectives and will notify the Licensee in writing of acceptance, rejection or alteration of the Plan.
 6. The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, implement the Plan as approved by the Board in writing.
 7. The Licensee shall review the Plans referred to in this Licence, as required by changes in operation and/or technology, and modify the Plan accordingly. Revisions to the Plans shall be submitted in the form of an Addendum to be included with the Annual Report.

8. Every Plan to be carried out pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Licence shall become a part of this Licence, and any additional terms and conditions imposed upon approval of a Plan by the Board become part of this Licence. All terms and conditions of the Licence should be contemplated in the development of a Plan where appropriate.
9. The Licensee shall ensure a copy of this Licence is maintained at the site of operations at all times. Any communication with respect to this Licence shall be made in writing to the attention of:
 - (a) **Manager of Licensing:**
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0
Telephone: (867) 360-6338
Fax: (867) 360-6369
Email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca
 - (b) **Inspector Contact:**
Manager of Field Operations, CIRNA
Nunavut District, Nunavut Region
918 Nunavut Drive
Iqaluit, NU, X0A 3H0
Telephone: (867) 975-4284
Fax: (867) 979-6445
10. The Licensee shall submit one electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board. Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include a detailed executive summary in Inuktitut, and Inuinnaqtun.
11. The Licensee shall ensure that any document(s) or correspondence submitted by the Licensee to the NWB is received and acknowledged by the Manager of Licensing.
12. This Licence is assignable as provided for in section 44 of the *Act*.
13. The Licensee shall provide the Board and an Inspector with at least thirty (30) days' notice prior to recommencing active operations at the Project.

PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE

1. The Licensee shall obtain all Water for domestic camp use from Camp Lake. Total camp Water use shall not exceed thirty (30) cubic metres per day. Water use for drilling, construction of ice airstrip(s) and other purposes shall be obtained from proximal source(s) as outlined in the Application and shall not exceed two hundred and sixty-nine (269) cubic metres per day. The total volume of Water use for all purposes under this

Licence shall not exceed two hundred and ninety-nine (299) cubic metres per day.

2. The Licensee shall provide a notice to an Inspector and the Board that includes the coordinates of potential Water sources to be used for the purposes outlined in *Part C, Item 1*, at least ten (10) days prior to commencement of the exploration program or use of the Water sources.
3. The use of Water from streams or any Water bodies not identified in *Part C, Items 1* and/or *Part C, Item 2* is prohibited unless otherwise authorized or approved by the Board in writing.
4. If the Licensee requires Water in sufficient volume that the source water body may be drawn down the Licensee shall, at least thirty (30) days prior to commencement of use of Water, submit to the Board for approval in writing the following: volume required, hydrological overview of the water body, details of impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.
5. The Licensee shall equip all Water intake hoses with a screen of an appropriate mesh size to ensure that fish are not entrained and shall withdraw Water at a rate such that fish do not become impinged on the screen.
6. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary High Water Mark of any waterbody unless authorized.
7. The Licensee shall not cause erosion to the banks of any waterbody and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
8. Sediment and erosion control measures shall be implemented prior to and maintained during the undertaking to prevent entry of sediment into Water.

PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL

1. The Licensee shall locate areas designated for the deposit of Waste at a minimum distance of thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark of any waterbody such that the quality, quantity or flow of Water is not impaired, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
2. The Licensee shall not practice on-site land filling of domestic Waste, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
3. The Licensee is authorized to dispose of all acceptable food Waste, paper Waste and untreated wood products in an incinerator designed for this purpose.

4. The Licensee shall not open-burn plastics, wood treated with preservatives, electric wire, Styrofoam, asbestos or painted wood to prevent the deposition of Waste materials of incomplete combustion and/or leachate from contaminated ash residual, from impacting any surrounding Waters, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
5. The Licensee shall provide to the Board documented authorization from all communities in Nunavut receiving Wastes from the Hackett River Project prior to any backhauling and disposal of Wastes to those communities.
6. The Licensee shall backhaul and dispose of all hazardous Wastes, Waste oil and non-combustible Waste generated through the course of the operation at a licensed Waste disposal site.
7. The Licensee shall maintain records of all Waste backhauled and records of confirmation of proper disposal of backhauled Waste. These records shall be made available to an Inspector or the Board upon request.
8. The Licensee shall contain all greywater in a Sump located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres above the ordinary High Water Mark of any waterbody, at a site where direct flow into a waterbody is not possible and no additional impacts are created, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
9. The Licensee shall dispose of all Toilet Wastes in latrine pits or use incineration, chemical, portable or composting toilets. Latrine pits shall be located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres above the ordinary High Water Mark of any waterbody, treated with lime and covered with native material to achieve the pre-existing natural contours of the land prior to abandonment. The Licensee shall insure that a suitable incinerator is used for combusting such Waste and the incinerator is operated according to the manufacturer's specification.
10. The Licensee shall continue to implement the Plan entitled "*Waste Management Plan, Hackett River Exploration Project*", revised November 13, 2020 that was previously approved by the Board.
11. All Effluent discharged from Sumps where drill cuttings have been deposited shall have a pH between 6.0 and 9.5. If these pH limits are not maintained, the Licensee shall either treat the Effluent to the required levels, backhaul for proper disposal, or treat as otherwise approved by the Board in writing.

PART E: CONDITIONS FOR CAMPS, ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

1. The Licensee shall not erect camps or store material on the surface of frozen streams or lakes including the immediate banks except what is for immediate use. Camps shall be

located such as to minimize impacts on surface drainage.

2. The Licensee shall conduct all activities in such a way as to minimize impacts on surface drainage and the Licensee shall immediately undertake corrective measures in the event of any impacts on surface drainage.
3. The Licensee shall construct all winter lake and stream crossings, including ice bridges, entirely of Water, ice or snow. The Licensee shall minimize disturbance by locating ice bridges in an area that requires the minimum approach grading and the shortest crossing route. Stream crossings shall be removed or the ice notched prior to spring break-up.
4. Stream crossings shall be a minimum of five hundred (500) meters from spawning areas.
5. With respect to access road, pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into or onto any waterbody is prohibited. These materials shall be disposed a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the Water.
6. The Licensee shall not mobilize heavy equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging. Overland travel of equipment or vehicles shall be suspended if rutting occurs

PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO DRILLING OPERATIONS

1. The Licensee shall not conduct any land-based drilling within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary High Water Mark of any waterbody, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
2. The Licensee shall dispose of all drill Waste, including Water, chips, muds and salts (CaCl₂) in any quantity or concentration, from land-based and on-ice drilling, in a properly constructed Sump or an appropriate natural depression located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark of any adjacent waterbody, where direct flow into a waterbody is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
3. If artesian flow is encountered, drill holes shall be immediately sealed and permanently capped to prevent induced contamination of groundwater or salinization of surface Waters. The Licensee shall report all artesian flow occurrences within the Annual Report, including the location (GPS coordinates) and dates.
4. Drilling additives or mud shall not be used in connection with holes drilled through lake ice unless they are re-circulated or contained such that they do not enter the Water, or are demonstrated to be non-toxic.

5. For “on-ice” drilling where drill additives are not being used, return Water released must be nontoxic, and not result in an increase in total suspended solids in the immediate receiving Waters, above the Canadian Council of Ministers for the Environment, *Guidelines for the Protection of Freshwater Aquatic Life* (i.e. 10 mg/L for lakes with background levels under 100 mg/L, or 10% for those above 100 mg/L).
6. The Licensee shall establish Water quality conditions prior to and upon completion of any drilling program through lake ice.
7. The Licensee shall dispose of rock saw sludge collected from the settling container (as indicated in the application) through the process of collection, drying, and placement in plastic sample bags and deposited in an approved disposal facility. These materials are to not be used as a fill material.

PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MODIFICATIONS

1. The Licensee may, without written consent from the Board, carry out Modifications to the Water Supply Facilities and Waste Disposal Facilities provided that such Modifications are consistent with the terms of this Licence and the following requirements are met:
 - a. the Licensee has notified the Board in writing of such proposed Modifications at least sixty (60) days prior to beginning the Modifications;
 - b. such Modifications do not place the Licensee in contravention of the Licence or the *Act*;
 - c. such Modifications do not constitute “significant modifications” that require conformity assessment by the Nunavut Planning Commission and/or impact assessment by the Nunavut Impact Review Board before consideration by the NWB;
 - d. within sixty (60) days following notification of the proposed Modifications, the Licensee, Nunavut Planning Commission, Nunavut Impact Review Board, designated Inuit organization or responsible regulatory authority has not indicated that any conformity determination, impact assessment, compensation negotiations or other consideration of the Modification that must be completed before the NWB can consider the Modification will take longer than 45 days; and
 - e. the Board has not, within sixty (60) days following notification of the proposed Modifications, informed the Licensee that the NWB’s consideration of the proposed Modification will require more than sixty (60) days.
2. Modifications for which all of the conditions referred to in *Part G, Item 1* have not been met can be carried out only with written approval from the Board.
3. The Licensee shall provide as-built plans and drawings of the Modifications referred to in this Licence within ninety (90) days of completion of the Modification. These plans

and drawings shall be stamped by an Engineer.

PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

1. The Board has approved with the issuance of this Licence, the Plan entitled “*Spill Contingency Plan, Hackett River Exploration Project*”, dated February 3, 2025 that was submitted as additional information with the Application.
2. The Licensee shall prevent any chemicals, petroleum products or Wastes associated with the Project from entering Water. All Sumps and fuel caches shall be located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark of any adjacent waterbody and inspected on a regular basis.
3. The Licensee shall conduct any equipment maintenance and servicing in designated areas and shall implement special procedures (such as the use of drip pans) to manage motor fluids and other Waste and contain potential spills.
4. If during the term of this Licence, an unauthorized discharge of Waste occurs, or if such a discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
 - a. Employ the approved Spill Contingency Plan;
 - b. Report the spill immediately to the 24-Hour NWT/NU Spill Line at (867) 920-8130 and to the Inspector at (867) 975-4284; and
 - c. For each spill occurrence, submit to the Inspector, no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event, a detailed report that will include the amount and type of spilled product, the GPS location of the spill, and the measures taken to contain and clean up the spill site.
5. The Licensee shall, in addition to *Part H, Item 4*, regardless of the quantity of releases of harmful substances, report to the 24-Hour NWT/NU Spill Line if the release is near or into a waterbody.

PART I: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION OR TEMPORARY CLOSING

1. The Board has approved with the issuance of this Licence the Plan entitled “*Abandonment and Restoration Plan, Hackett River Exploration Project*”, revised December 12, 2024, submitted as additional information with the Application.
2. The Licensee shall complete all restoration work prior to the expiry of this Licence.
3. The Licensee shall carry out progressive reclamation of any components of the Project no longer required for the Licensee’s operations.

4. The Licensee shall backfill and restore all sumps, sewage / wash-water pits to the pre-existing natural contours of the land.
5. The Licensee shall remove from the site, all infrastructure and site materials, including all fuel caches, drums, barrels, buildings and contents, docks, water pumps and lines, material and equipment prior to the expiry of this Licence.
6. All roads and airstrip, if any, shall be re-graded to match natural contour to reduce erosion.
7. The Licensee shall remove any culverts and restore the drainage to match the natural channel. Measures shall be implemented to minimize erosion and sedimentation.
8. In order to promote growth of vegetation and the needed microclimate for seed deposition, all disturbed surfaces shall be prepared by ripping, grading, or scarifying the surface to conform to the natural topography.
9. Areas that have been contaminated by hydrocarbons from normal fuel transfer procedures shall be reclaimed to meet objectives as outlined in the *Government of Nunavut's Environmental Guideline for the Management of Contaminated Sites*, revised December 2014. The use of reclaimed soils for the purpose of back fill or general site grading may be carried out only upon consultation and approval by the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment and an Inspector.
10. The Licensee shall restore all drill holes and disturbed areas to natural conditions immediately upon completion of the drilling. The restoration of drill holes must include the removal of any drill casing materials and if having encountered artesian flow, the capping of holes with a permanent seal. Where drill casings cannot be removed the Licensee shall cut off the casings at ground level and identify with signage.
11. The Licensee may leave the casings on site, if it intends to continue drilling in existing casings, but shall add signaling to keep the area safe for the other territory users. The drill casings left cannot stay on the field for more than 2 years after the drilling.
12. The Licensee may store drill cores produced by the appurtenant undertaking in an appropriate manner and location at least thirty-one (31) metres above the ordinary High Water Mark of any adjacent waterbody, where any direct flow into a waterbody is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
13. The Licensee shall contour and stabilize all disturbed areas to reduce erosion and sedimentation to Water, upon completion of work upon completion of the undertaking and as per Part I, Item 3.

PART J: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM

1. The Licensee shall measure and record, in cubic metres, the daily quantities of Water utilized for camp, drilling and other purposes associated with the Licence.
2. The Licensee shall provide the GPS co-ordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where sources of Water are utilized for all purposes.
3. The Licensee shall determine the GPS co-ordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where Wastes associated with camp operations and drilling operations are deposited.
4. The Licensee shall obtain representative samples of the Water column below any ice where required under *Part F, Items 5 and 6*. Monitoring shall include but not be limited to the following:

Total Suspended Solids
pH
Electrical Conductivity,
Total Trace Metals as determined by a standard ICP Scan (to include at a minimum, the following elements: Al, Sb, Ba, Be, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Fe, Pb, Li, Mn, Mo, Ni, Se, Sn, Sr, Tl, Ti, U, V, Zn), and
Trace Arsenic and Mercury.
5. All sampling, sample preservation and analyses shall be conducted in accordance with methods prescribed in the current edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, or by such other methods approved by the Board in writing.
6. All analyses shall be performed in a laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC Standard 17025. The accreditation shall be current and in good standing.
7. The Licensee shall include in the Annual Report required under *Part B, Item 2* all data, monitoring results and information required by this Part.
8. An Inspector may impose additional monitoring requirements.