Sept 10, 2014

AANDC reference CIDM# 849242

NWB reference #2BE-HEN0508

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licencing Nunavut Water Board Gjoa Haven, NU, X0E 1J0

Re: Henik Lake Project – Licence #2BE-HEN0508 – Newmont Mining Corporation (Newmont) – Kivalliq Region – Licence Cancellation

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Thank you for your email on September 3, 2014, concerning the above mentioned water licence cancellation application.

A memorandum is provided for the Nunavut Water Board's (Board or NWB) consideration. Comments have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

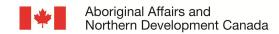
Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at 867-975-4282 or email at <u>ian.parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca</u> for further comments or any questions.

Sincerely,

lan Parsons Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada P.O. Box 100 Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0

c.c.: Murray Ball, Manager of Water Resources, AANDC Erik Allain, Manager of Field Operations, AANDC





## Memorandum

TO Phyllis Beaulieu AANDC reference
Manager of Licencing CIDM# 849242

Nunavut Water Board

NWB reference #2BE-HEN0508

**FROM** Ian Parsons

Regional Coordinator DATE

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Sept 10, 2014

Development Canada

Re: Henik Lake Project – Licence #2BE-HEN0508 – Newmont Mining

Corporation (Newmont) – Kivalliq Region – Licence Cancellation

## A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 3, 2014 the Board provided notification to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) that Newmont had submitted a cancellation application for Type B water licence #2BE-HEN0508.

Interested parties were requested to review the information and provide comments by October 2, 2014.

## **B. RESULTS OF REVIEW**

On behalf of AANDC, the following comments/ recommendations are submitted to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration:

## 1. Application For Water Licence Cancellation

- AANDC notes that the licensee is bound by all terms and conditions of the water licence, including the report filing requirements (i.e., the need to submit annual reports) even though the water licence has expired and no activity has occurred on site. Therefore AANDC notes that there has been no reports filed after 2008.
- AANDC recommends that the licensee (Newmont) provide evidence to the end use of their temporary fuel cache at the Henik Lake Airstrip.
- AANDC notes that a Water Resource Officer completed an on-site inspection in July of 2013 and at that time noted that there were no disturbances at site. As a

result AANDC recommends that the licence not be cancelled until confirmation is received from AANDC field Operations division that the licence can be cancelled.

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