

HOPE BAY JOINT VENTURE

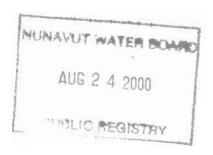
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24 August 2000

Mr. Philippe di Pizzo Executive Director Nunavut Water Board, P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0E 1J0

Dear Mr. di Pizzo,





Re: Amendment No. 1 to Permit No: NWB2HOP002

This will acknowledge receipt of the above captioned amendment dated August 22,2000 and received on that date by fax. Your quick response to this request is appreciated.

With respect to the inserted clause 10, we can comply with the clause as written, however; we are of the opinion that the sludges from the ROTODISK can be discharged in the Windy camp area on land in a similar area to the discharge point for the system. The sludges are high in organic content and as such we do not feel pose any problem to the receiving area. It should be mentioned that the sludges are removed at the most on an annual basis and as such the total amount of material is considered small.

Your consideration in this matter would be appreciated. We will comply with the clause as written until we receive clarification from you in due course.

Again, thanks for your quick attention to this matter and should you require anything further, please contact me at the above numbers, on my cell 780-975-2550 or by e-mail on: hugh_r_Wilson@hotmail.com.

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