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Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Re: February 2025 – Monthly Monitoring Report for Water License 2BE-HOP2232

This report is comprised of monitoring requirements as set out in Part J, Items 2 through 8, and 10 of water license 2BE-HOP2232. Some monitoring requirements stipulated in this license refer to facilities that have not been constructed, facilities that no longer exist, or facilities where activity is seasonal. Water levels in Windy Lake will be monitored in accordance with Part J, Item 9 during the open water season. Sampling locations monitored under this license (seasonally or when facilities are operational) are provided in Figure 1 at the end of this report.

During the period of this report, the focus of activities under the Windy Regional Exploration license was on-land and on-ice surface exploration drilling, water management and environmental compliance.

Part I Conditions Applying to Abandonment and Restoration

No abandonment or restoration work was conducted during the month.

Part J Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10: Sewage Treatment Effluent, Bulk Fuel Containments, and Quarries

Windy Camp has been closed for operations since October 23, 2008 and New Windy Camp has not been constructed. Therefore, the license requirements relating to the Wastewater Treatment Facility (HOP-2 and HOP-3) are not applicable at this time. HOP-5 (Bulk Fuel Storage – Windy Camp) and HOP-6 (Bulk Fuel Storage Facility – Patch Lake) were dismantled in 2012. HOP-8 (Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at New Windy Camp) has not been constructed.

Water quality sampling and management was not required at HOP-7A, B or D (quarries A, B and D) as no discharge of water occurred from these areas this month.

Part J Item 7: Under-Ice Drilling Samples

Under-ice water quality sampling was conducted this month prior to on-ice surface exploration drilling. Results for the monitoring samples are provided in Appendix B, submitted with this report.

Part J Item 8: Water Use Volumes

Geographical locations for all water sources and usage are maintained on file. All usage from water sources during the month were metered at the source. Daily water usage for the month is presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Daily water usage in cubic meters, February 2025.

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283.06
88.46
191.26
140.58
159.65
184.14
253.20
16.87
16.35
17.47
141.30
5296.17
10505.87

Water quality monitoring results and volumes extracted from the Windy Lake freshwater intake (HOP-1) for domestic, industrial, dust suppression and winter tracks are presented in the monthly monitoring report for license 2AM-DOH1335, Schedule I for Station ST-7A.

Incident Reporting

Two incidents, detailed below, occurred during February 2025.

On February 5, Hope Bay reported a spill of 300 L of Drill cutting on the exploration gravel track. On February 4th at 11:35, while transporting drill cuttings from Drill #11 to the Madrid Waste Rock storage facility, approximately 300 liters of drill cuttings were spilled on the exploration track. Due to the frozen conditions, the spill was contained on the gravel track. The incident was effectively contained and managed, with all spilled cleaned up and the material properly disposed of.

On February 17th at 09:30, drill water (lake water with no chemical additives) containing trace amounts of rock dust was observed coming from Drill #5 on Patch Lake. The spill of approximately 125 L of drill water was contained to the immediate area due to the frozen conditions. There is no indication that drill water entered patch lake. The impacted surface will be scraped, and the frozen material will be disposed of in the Madrid waste rock pile.

Should there be any questions regarding this monthly report, please contact me at brett.fairbairn@agnicoeagle.com.

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Figure 1. 2BE-HOP2232 SNP Monitoring Locations

