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Robert Hunter Licensing Administrator **Nunavut Water Board** P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0B 1J0 E-mail: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's Review of the 2BE-IZO1823 Renewal-Amendment Application by MMG Resources Inc. for the Izok Project.

Dear Mr. Hunter,

Thank you for your March 22, 2023, invitation to review the 2BE-IZO1823 Renewal-Amendment Application by MMG Resources Inc. for the Izok Project.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act. CIRNAC would like to provide the following comment to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for consideration.

CIRNAC notes that the Licensee requests to renew the license without partitioning water use allocation between "drilling" and "domestic" use while keeping the total water allotment and activities consistent with the current authorization. This may increase water use for the camp operation and generate more waste. The previous waste disposal plan is dated October 2012, CIRNAC recommends that the Licensee update and submit a waste disposal plan under the renewed licence.

If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at Aminul.Haque@rcaanccirnac.gc.ca or Andrew Keim at (867) 975-4550 or Andrew.Keim@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Aminul Hague Regional Water Management Coordinator

