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File No: NWB2KIM

August 16, 2005

Ms. Bonnie Pemberton
True North Gems Inc.
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Subject: True North Gems Inc. – Kimmirut Beluga Sapphire Project - New – Type “B”

Dear Ms. Pemberton:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of your new application for a Type “B” water license on June 24, 2005, for water use and waste disposal associated with exploration activities for the Kimmirut Beluga Sapphire Project in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut. All documents received, and pertaining to the application, can be obtained from our ftp site (<http://ftp.nunavut.ca>) in “nwb / NWB2 Exploration / NWB2KIM. They include the following:

- cover letters dated June 20 and July 5, 2005
- water license application form, resubmitted and received July 12, 2005
- supplementary questionnaire, resubmitted and received July 26, 2005
- project description, received June 24, 2005
- application fee, water use fee, received June 24, 2005
- project area maps
- land use permit approval letter from Hamlet of Kimmirut, received June 24, 2005
- Culvert/Stream Crossings Report dated June 6, 2005, received June 24, 2005
- Abandonment and restoration plan, received July 26, 2005
- Spill plan, received July 26, 2005
- MDSD sheets, received July 26, 2005

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

The NWB Technical Advisor, Dave Hohnstein, assigned to your application, may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

This application is within an area where there is no land use plan approved in accordance with Part 5 of Article 11 of the NLCA, and is therefore not subject to the requirements of Section 38 (1) to 38 (5) of the Act.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representation directly to the NWB **within 30 days from the date of this letter.** Take note that included in the application is a Spill Response Plan as well as an Abandonment and Restoration Plan which require review and comment. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

Enclosure: Notice of Application

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