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RE: 2BE-KIM0609 Distribution for Additional Review

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

True North Gems Inc. (True North) is applying to amend their Type 'B' water license 2BE-KIM0609 to extend through December 2011. At this time, EC has no issues with the amendment; provided the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the original application and that they are in compliance with their existing water license. Terms and conditions applied to the existing water license should be carried forward to the amendment.

Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2BE-KIM0609 on 14 June 2010 would still apply to this project (see attached). If there are any changes in the project EC should be notified as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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