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RE: Comaplex Minerals Corp. - 2BB-MEL0914 – Meliadine Project Kivalliq – Amendment – Type “B”

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. 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*.

Comaplex Minerals Corporation (Comaplex) is requesting an amendment to their existing water license for the Meliadine Project to increase the daily allowance volume of water from 90 m³ to 290 m³, to allow for camp and five drills to be in operation. The application for this amendment is a result of an Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) Inspector's Direction where the proponent's water use was believed to be violating the terms and conditions of the water license.

Based on the information presented at this time, EC has no issues with the amendment provided the proponent follows mitigation measures outlined in the application and that they are in compliance with their existing water license. Previous comments and recommendations submitted by EC staff relating to the Meliadine Project would still apply. Terms and conditions applied to the existing water license should be carried forward to the amendment.

If there are any changes in the proposed 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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