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Request for Emergency Amendment for alternate water source -

NWB2NAD0206

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Following is a request for approval of an alternate water source in relation to the above captioned permit. As noted below, this situation was not expected.

Programme: Airborne geophysical survey Timing: Approx. April 15 to May 2, 2002

Land Use Permit: DIAND # N2001C0020; Class A, expires June 25, 2003

Camp Location: Dewar Lakes – established on federal lands adjacent DEW line site. (see map) approx. 68°

37.5'N, 71° 8.3' W

Camp Description: 3 - 12' X 16' tents 1 - 12 X 32' tent

Number of people: 5 - 6

Water Source & Use: south Dewar Lake; about 500 litres per day

Greywater Disposal: existing sump pit Sewage Disposal: existing latrine pit

Fuel Cache: Up to 50 jet B drums on the airstrip apron. The survey aircraft will be burning this fuel as the drums are brought in incrementally by HS 748 from Igaluit. Empty drums will be successively removed on the southbound backhauls and will be completely removed upon demobilization.

Project Description: A small-scale support operation from an existing summer camp that would be quickly winterized. A week has been allowed to prepare the camp for winter use and fourteen days have been allocated for the airborne survey, although it may take as few as seven, depending on weather.

As proximal sources will be frozen to the bottom, water will be drawn from Dewar lakes to fill a small, insulated tank which will then be hauled several kilometers by skidoo and skimmer to the camp. The difficulty of this procedure will necessitate extreme water budgeting.

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Current Water Licence: NWB2NAD0206. The current water licence addresses an area west of Dewar Lakes in the Nadluardjuk Lake region. It covers a larger scale operation, of longer duration, with more people, and involving diamond drilling.

Urgency: This geophysical programme emerged unexpectedly but with the initial understanding that the crew would be supported from Nasittuq Corporation's (Frontec) DEW line trailer facility at Dewar Lakes. When it was recently revealed that the charges for this accommodation would be prohibitively expensive, it became necessary to use the existing BHPB/Falconbridge camp established adjacent the airstrip last summer. This situation was not forseen, promising to be both logistically awkward and uncomfortable for the crews.

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