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NWB File No: NWB2NOR

April 25, 2003

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Re: Application Acknowledgement and Requirement for Notice of the Application for the Northern Empire Project on Melville Peninsula

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on April 15, 2003 of your water licence application, filed on behalf of Northern Empire Minerals Ltd., for the above project on Melville Peninsula. Your application included the following items:

- cover letter dated April 10, 2003
- application form
- supplementary questionnaire
- Maps
- Bibliography
- Proposed camp construction plan
- Environmental procedure plan
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Application fee

In order to complete your application we require a brief executive summary in English and Inuktitut. Receipt C137255 is attached for your records.

This project is currently being reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission, and will be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board for their determination as to whether they require further review, or if it can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a notice of your application is required. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, a notice in both English and Inuktitut will be posted for a period of 30 days, with local establishments in Igloolik, Repulse Bay and Hall Beach. Copy of the notice will be available to you during the distribution process.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or nwblic@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
A/Licensing Administrator

Encl.

Cc: Paul Smith, DIAND