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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: NWB2NOR

May 23, 2003

Ms. Gladys Joudrey
Environmental Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Subject: Northern Empire Minerals Ltd. – Melville Peninsula – Request for Screening – New

The Nunavut Water Board received a new application on April 15, 2003 from Apex Geoscience Ltd. on behalf of Northern Empire Minerals Ltd. for water use and waste disposal associated with an exploration camp and exploratory drilling.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project proposal was first sent for review to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for their review. As indicated in the letter forwarded to your office by NPC dated May 16, 2003, this review is now complete.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

The application documents are available through the internet on our **old** ftp site at <ftp://ftp.nwb.yk.com> in the folder "NWB2NOR."

Please let our office know when we can expect your screening report so that we can set our deadlines accordingly.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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