

June 28, 2017

Ida Porter
Licence Administrator
Nunavut Water Board
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Gjoa Haven, NU

Dear Ms. Porter:

Re: Nordgold Type B Water Licence Amendment 2BE PBP1520 Response to Comments

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to comments received and would like to thank reviewers for their advice and comments.

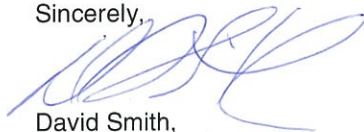
Firstly, Environment Canada and Climate Change (ECCC). Thank you for bringing to our attention that contact numbers had changed. ECCC has been contacted with the request to provide correct contact numbers. The Plan will be corrected to reflect this change once received.

Lastly, Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC)'s comments.

- a) Water Use. Nordgold (Northquest Ltd) is applying for the maximum allowable under their Class B Water Licence. A class A water licence is not being requested.
- b) Use of Camp:
 - a. The camp utilized by Nordgold is currently being rented from Henik Lake Adventures Ltd exclusively for their exploration activities and is not used by Henik Lake Adventures Ltd. for any other activities. They (Henik Lake Adventures Ltd) do not occupy the camp nor use any water.
 - b. No other water licence is being used.
- c) Waste Production. As noted, the amendment is being sought as a result of exploration activities with several drills and increased camp population. This resulted in increased water consumption and waste water disposal. No increase in other wastes is expected.
- d) Non-hazardous Waste Disposal: An incinerator has been purchased and is currently being use to assist in the reduction of combustible waste. A letter authorizing disposal of non-combustible inert waste to the Whale Cove landfill has been provided by the Hamlet of Whale Cove. All hazardous waste including waste oil, propane tanks and empty fuel drums will be transported to an appropriate waste disposal facility. No increase in the amount of waste is expected.
- e) Spill Contingency Plan: Nordgold has appended the MSDS sheets in the Spill Contingency Plan, but was not able to in the application due to file size.
- f) Secondary Containment for Fuel Storage: Nordgold will continue the practice of using secondary containment for fuel storage.

No response is required to the comment received from DFO. Thank you for the opportunity to provide clarification and respond to queries.

Sincerely,



David Smith,
Exploration Manager
Nordgold

Cc: Denise Lockett