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Our reference:
IQALUIT-#545526

Your reference:
2BE-PBP1115

Sent via email

**Re: Water Licence 2BE-PBP1115: Northquest Ltd., Pistol Bay Project –
Amendment Application No. 2 – Kivalliq Region**

Dear Ms. Beaulieu,

Thank you for your June 28, 2012 request for written representations on the above referenced water licence amendment application.

A Technical Review Memorandum is provided for the Board's consideration. Comments/ recommendations have been provided pursuant to the Department's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone at (867) 975-4555 or email at David.Abernethy@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca to discuss this submission.

Regards,

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c.c.: Murray Ball, Manager of Water Resources.

TECHNICAL REVIEW MEMORANDUM

TO	Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board	OUR REFERENCE File #9545-2-2.2BE.PBP1115 IQALUIT-#545526
FROM	David Abernethy Water Resources Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	YOUR REFERENCE 2BE-PBP1115 DATE July 25, 2012
SUBJECT	Water Licence 2BE-PBP1115: Northquest Ltd., Pistol Bay Project – Amendment Application No. 2 – Kivalliq Region	

A. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

On June 28, 2012 the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) distributed a water licence amendment application that was submitted by Northquest Ltd. to interested parties for review. Northquest Ltd. has requested an increase in their water use allowance for mineral exploration drilling purposes from 85 cubic metres per day to 120 cubic meters per day. This will facilitate the use of a second drill that will be used to evaluate a new target identified as "C7." Domestic water use will remain at 1 cubic metre per day. In total, Northquest Ltd. are requesting the use of 121 cubic metres per day to support the operations of their project.

B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

On behalf of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), the following comments/ recommendations are submitted for the Board's consideration,

- AANDC has no issue with the submitted amendment application provided that all remaining terms and conditions of the licence still apply.
- Northquest Ltd. should ensure that the additional drill rig is equipped with a spill response kit and that their Spill Contingency Plan is revised to reflect this information.

Prepared by David Abernethy