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Jeremy Howe Logistics Coordinator BHP Billiton World Exploration Inc.

Subject: Response to Revised Spill Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Howe:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) would like to acknowledge receipt of the revised Spill Contingency Plan as per Part H, Item 1 of Water Licence NWB2PEL0507. The Board has had the opportunity to review this document and have determined that further revisions are required before the Board may approve the document. As per Part H, Item 1 of NWB2PEL0507 the Proponent was to make a number of corrections. Bullets i, ii, iii, vi, and ix have not been properly addressed in the submitted revision. The Proponent is to address these concerns within its next revision. Under Bullet iv the Proponent should include the Northing direction on the submitted site map. Bullet v has not been entirely satisfied as the phone number for Environment Canada (Iqaluit) is not within the document. With regards to Bullets viii and x the Proponent has included icons within the document and not an actual NWT Spill Report Form and MSDS forms for petroleum and chemical products. Furthermore the Proponent is advised to respond to the Intervener Statement issued by the Government of Nunavut — Department of Environment and provide this response to the Board through revisions. This Intervener Statement has been included with this letter to the Proponent.

In responding to all the necessary corrections addressed in this letter the Proponent is advised to clearly identify where within the document revisions have been made through proper referencing (Section, Page). This may be in the form of a covering page that accompanies the revised document. The NWB would also like the Proponent to consult **Part H, Item 2** that reflects the timeline (30 days after Board notification) to address the concerns stated in this letter.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at (867) 360-6338.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Joe Murdock Technical Advisor