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File No: 2BE-QAM/GA

April 10, 2006

Garth Drever
Cameco Corporation Exploration Department
2121-11th St. West
Saskatoon SK S7M 1J3

Subject: Cameco Corporation – Qamanaarjuk Project – New

Dear Mr. Drever:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of your application for new water licence on April 5, 2006 for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling and camp operations for the Meliadine West Project, in the Kivalliq region. The application, a copy of which can be obtained from our ftp site (<http://ftp.nunavut.ca> in folder nwb / 2BE and sub-folder 2BE-QAM or by contacting our office, consists of the following items:

- Fax cover page dated April 4, 2006
- water license application form, received April 5, 2006
- supplementary questionnaire, received April 5, 2006
- 3 maps, received April 5, 2006
- summary in English and Inuktitut, received April 5, 2006
- application fee received April 5, 2006

Please be aware that at some point in time you will be required to submit an Abandonment & Restoration Plan for approval. The NWB Technical Advisor assigned to your application may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application. Also required is a \$30.00 Water Use Fee, pursuant to the Northern Inland Waters Regulations, which became effective as of January 1, 2004. Please refer to these regulations which are on our ftp site at “nwb” / NWB Administration / NWB Waters Legislation.

However, before your application can be processed further by the NWB, it is subject to sections 38(1) to 38(5) of the Act and therefore must first be reviewed by the **Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)** to determine its conformity with an approved land use plan. **By copy of this letter to the NPC, we are formally asking our sister board to undertake this determination and inform the NWB of its decision.**

Pursuant to Section 13.7.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement this application is of a class that does not require a public hearing, and is therefore exempt from screening by the Nunavut

Impact Review Board, as per Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA. We are consequently requesting **NPC to forward the application back to the NWB** when its determination is complete.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representations directly to the NWB within 30 days from the date of this letter. Please note that Spill Plan was also received with the application and require review. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Trainee

Enclosure: Notice of Application

cc: Kivalliq Distribution List