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**Refer: 2BE-QAM – Application for New Water Licence - Cameco Corporation –
Qamanaarjuk Lake (Aberdeen-Turqavik) Project**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the Type B Water License Application for the Qamanaarjuk Lake Project in the Kivalliq Region, as submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). In conducting our review, INAC has referred to the documents on the NWB's FTP-site under 2BE-QAM.

The NIRB advised INAC in its 2007 screening decision for Cameco Corporation's Aberdeen-Turqavik Project Proposal that any activity related to this application (INAC Land Use Permit application N2006J0010) outside of the original scope of the project proposal would be considered a new project and must be submitted to NIRB for screening. However, INAC believes that, for the purposes of water licence 2BE-QAM0608, the scope of project activities as outlined in the 2008 water licence application are equivalent to the 2007 water licence application for amendment. INAC therefore recommends that the Cameco Corporation Water Licence application for the Aberdeen-Turqavik Project be submitted as a renewal application, rather than a new application. INAC also recommends that the duration of the water licence be five years with, if the Board so chooses, the possibility of re-examining the licence should an intervenor (including the public) request or public concern arise.

INAC has no additional comments on the water licence application and suggests that a renewal of Water Licence 2BE-QAM0608 with the existing terms and conditions would be appropriate. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4566 or by email at trenholmt@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

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