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Your File: 2BE-BKL0607

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**Re: 2BE-RBP0608 / Advanced Explorations Inc. / Roche Bay Project / Qikiqtani
Region / licence amendment application**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the amendment application for licence 2BE-RBP0608 submitted by Advanced Explorations Inc. for its Roche Bay Project. The following advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSTRT) and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act* (DIAND Act). Indian and Northern Affairs Canada has also reviewed the licence amendment in conjunction with the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) screening of application by Advanced Explorations Inc., including a second sealift landing site within the existing project area (NIRB File No. 07EN058). The Nunavut Water Board should be aware that the comments to the NIRB close on August 29, 2007.

Advanced Explorations Inc. is applying to amend its Roche Bay Project Type B licence to increase daily maximum water consumption from 100 cubic metres (m³) to 200 m³. The proponent states that an increase in water consumption is required to support routine exploration drilling operations within its project area. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada is supportive of the proponent's amendment application provided the proponent adheres to all terms and conditions listed in the project's current licence and May 16, 2007 licence amendment.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada requests notification of any changes in the proposed licence amendment application, as further review may be necessary. Please contact me should you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing. I can be reached by telephone at (867) 975-4555 or by email at AbernethyD@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Regards,
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