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#2BE-REG0608

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**Re: Regan Lake Project – Licence #2BE-REG0608 - Strongbow Exploration Inc.
(Strongbow) – Kitikmeot Region – Licence Cancellation**

Dear Ms. Porter,

Thank you for your email on May 7, 2014, concerning the above mentioned water licence cancellation application.

A memorandum is provided for the Nunavut Water Board's (Board or NWB) consideration. Comments 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 867-975-4282 or email at ian.parsons@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca for further comments or any questions.

Sincerely,

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Memorandum

TO	Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licencing Nunavut Water Board	AANDC reference CIDM# 804887 NWB reference #2BE-REG0608
FROM	Ian Parsons Regional Coordinator Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada	DATE June 5, 2014

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A. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On May 7, 2014 the Board provided notification to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) that Strongbow Exploration Inc. had submitted a cancellation application for Type B water licence #2BE-REG0608.

Interested parties were requested to review the information and provide comments by June 5, 2014.

B. RESULTS OF REVIEW

On behalf of AANDC, the following comments/ recommendations are submitted to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration:

1. Application For Water Licence Cancellation

- AANDC recommends that the licensee submit to the NWB annual reports for the years 2009-2014. The last annual report filed was for 2008. The licensee is bound by all terms and conditions of the water licence, including the report filing requirements (i.e., the need to submit annual reports) even though the water licence has expired and no activity has occurred on site.
- AANDC also recommends that the licence not be cancelled until a Water Resource Officer completes an on-site inspection and provides confirmation that no compliance issues are associated and/or remain outstanding with the project.



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