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## BHP Billiton Point of Contact- Letter of Clearance 2BE-REP0507

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Good Morning,

Further to our discussion on Wednesday November 26th, 2014, I am looking for a point of contact to discuss steps moving forward on the cancellation/closure of Water Licence 2BE-REP0507 and Crown Land Use Permit N2003C0006.

To elaborate on my role see the AANDC core mandate;

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) is responsible for the management of lands and resources in Nunavut. Crown lands and inland waters in Nunavut are managed in accordance with applicable land claim agreements, legislation, regulations, departmental and federal policy, and program guidelines. In the stewardship of lands and resources, the AANDC has authority for:

- managing sustainable resource development in accordance with the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*;
- administering and issuing surface and subsurface rights on Crown land under the *Territorial Lands Act*, and the *Federal Real Property and Federal Immovables Act* and Regulations;
- conserving and protecting Nunavut's water resources under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;
- monitoring, assessing and minimizing environmental impacts and maximizing socio-economic benefits from natural resource development, by participating in Nunavut's co-management system; and
- conducting field operations to ensure compliance of leases, licenses and permits pertaining to land, water and resources within Nunavut.

BHP Billiton possesses two authorizations; a land use permit which is authorized under the Territorial Land Act and Regulations; and a water licence authorized under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and Regulations.

These authorization have not been closed/canceled but have expired.

Between 2003-2006 BHP Billiton operated the Qilalugaq project located just north of Repulse bay, Nunavut. The mineral claims for the project were transferred long ago but the two authorizations were not. Without closure BHP Billiton can be held liable for these lands and waters. I write you today to inform BHP Billiton that a final inspection has been completed and our office wishes to close/cancel the file.

Please contact me as soon as possible to discuss steps moving forward,

**Christine Wilson**

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