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October 24, 2005

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Re: Acknowledgement Annual Report 2004

Dear Mr. Howe and Mr. Weidner:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt on February 23, 2005 of your 2004 Annual Report as required by Part B, Item 1 of your previous water licence (NWB2REP0305). The Board has reviewed your report and requests clarification in accordance with Part B, Item v, as follows to be reported in the 2005 Annual report due no later than March 31, 2006 as per your current water licence (NWB2REP0507):

1. Summary of Unauthorized Discharges (Item e) of the Annual Report:
 - a. The current Spill Plan should be revised to incorporate a section dealing with recent on site experience gained for actions for spills from sumps.
 - b. The plan should also be revised to include: a table of contents, and site map for project operations.
 - c. The Licensee should report the spill numbers identified by the 24-hour spill line for all eight reportable spills (Table 7), so that the NWB can confirm remediation and/or closure of the spills;
 - d. As a reminder, the Licensee is required to provide notification of spills "immediately" to the 24-spill hot line as required under Part F, Item 5ii of the previous water licence and likewise under Part H, Item 4ii of the current water licence.
 - e. With respect to the unauthorized spill detailed report (Appendix 1) and spills reported in Table 7, the licensee should clarify final destination for waste disposal/storage of contaminated materials. The GPS coordinates of all spill is also required as per the current and previous water licence.

The Board notes that the Abandonment and Restoration plan required under the previous water licence was never received and would like to remind the Licensee that in accordance with Part I, Item 1 of the recently issued licence renewal, an AR plan is required no later than November 1, 2005.

While the NWB has a *Standard Report Form* for Type "B" licenses, the NWB appreciates the additional data provided and recommends continued reporting as was done with the 2004 Annual Report.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email at licensing@nwb.nunavut.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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