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RE: Inspection of Water Licence 2BE-SIL0709, July 7 2013

Please find attached the report on the Water License Inspection conducted at the Silvertip Project. Included at the end of the report is a summary of observations made during the inspection with respect to issues of non-compliance or non-conformity with the issued Water License or the Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, and the actions required of Strongbow Exploration Inc. as a result.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at the coordinates listed below. I look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

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WATER LICENCE INSPECTION REPORT

Date: July 7, 2013	Licensee Rep. (Name/Title): N/A
Licensee: Strongbow Exploration Inc.	Licence No.: 2BE-SIL0709

The Silvertip Project was licensed in 2007. As was identified in the application, there was work conducted previously in this location. Strongbow committed in the application to disposing of waste associated with previous exploration work.

Preliminary exploration work was undertaken in 2007, and drilling was conducted by North Arrow Minerals Inc., a 'sister' company of Strongbow, in 2008. Annual reports for 2007 and 2008 were submitted by North Arrow. It was noted in the Annual Report Review for 2008 that a spill report was not filed for a spill dated March 4, 2008. No spill report is found in the NU-NWT Hazardous Materials Spill Database in relation to this spill.

The site was visited in July of 2009 by Water Resources Officer Melissa Joy, whose notes indicate that debris, wood and timbers, plastic, fuel, garbage, and metal rods were found on-site at the camp area on Mouse Lake and that debris and a dock were noted on Paleface Lake where North Arrow's drilling activities were conducted. I am unable to locate an Inspection Report resulting from Ms. Joy's visit. The closure request report submitted by Strongbow to the Board on June 24, 2013 indicates that the final cleanup of the Silvertip Project occurred in April of 2009 including fuel removal, however Ms. Joy's photos from July of that year indicate that fuel was still at the camp location at that time. As such I can conclude that more work was conducted after July of 2009, although I don't know whether or not it was as a result of Ms. Joy's inspection¹.

On July 7th 2013 I conducted inspections in the area of the Silvertip Project.

The site at Paleface Lake (N64 48 55.1 W108 00 08.5²) was consistent with Ms. Joy's 2009 findings. Core stacks, timbers, and debris remain scattered, and a dock sits in the water. This is exactly where the 2008 drilling occurred. I cannot determine what debris may have resulted from the more recent drilling activities, however, Strongbow committed in its application to disposing of the existing waste.

The camp site at Mouse Lake (N64 47 59.4 W107 59 47.2) has improved since Ms. Joy's 2009 visit. The fuel has all been removed, and the larger stacks of timber. Not all timbers were removed, however; debris remains, some now at the water's edge.

Timbers were also noted nearby on Thlewycho Lake at N64 49 22.0 W108 01 10.6, approximately a kilometer from the drilling at Paleface Lake.

Non-Compliance with the Act or the Licence:

Part I item 8: Failure to remove all materials from site.

Action Required:

The Licensee shall complete the reclamation activities as required under Licence 2BE-SIL0709. Any materials not forming part of the core stacks, which are permitted to remain at site, are to be removed. Clean-up shall be conducted during the snow-free period in order to ensure a complete removal of timbers, garbage and debris. If you would like copies of Ms. Joy's 2009 photos.

Materials at Paleface Lake (N64 48 55.1 W108 00 08.5) are also to be removed; Strongbow/North Arrow being the last site occupant.

Timbers removed from Thlewycho Lake.

Cancellation of the licence is not recommended until these matters are resolved.

Eva Paul
Water Resources Officer

December 18, 2013

Date

1. Ms. Joy's 2009 photos are available upon request if they have not already been provided.

2. All coordinates are given in NAD83.



Photos of July 7 2013 Inspection



Figure 1. Debris evident at Paleface Lake. Two old core stacks visible, but also timbers that may remain from drill set-ups. North Arrow 2008 drilling all occurred in the immediate vicinity.



Figure 2. Camp location at Mouse Lake. Core stacks sufficient distance from water, but leftover timbers are to be removed.



Figure 3. Timbers noted on Thlewycho Lake. More were seen by the water's edge.