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**RE: 120813 2BE-STO1015 Amendment Application, Commander Resources Ltd., Type B, Qikiqtani Region**

Environment Canada (EC) has reviewed the above-mentioned amendment application as submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act 1999*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Commander Resources Ltd. (Commander) is applying to the NWB for an amendment to Type B water license 2BE-STO1015. The requested amendment is to allow for a new diamond drilling program, consisting of 20 holes, at a new location, the Seal zinc-lead deposit, within Commander's adjacent prospecting permit. The proposed amendment will not affect the type of water use or the quantity of water used.

Based on a review of the amendment application, EC provides the following comments for the NWB's consideration:

**General**

- The proponent shall not deposit, nor permit the deposit of chemicals, sediment, wastes, or fuels associated with the project into any water body. According to the *Fisheries Act*, Section 36 (3), the deposition of deleterious substances of any type in water frequented by fish, or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance, or any deleterious substance that results from the deposit of the deleterious substance, may enter any such water, is prohibited.
- EC does not foresee any major issues with the proposed increase in permitted area use for the project. The Spill Contingency Plan for the project as well as the Abandonment and Restoration Plan should be further updated to reflect the location of camp, including fuel caches.

Comments previously submitted on behalf of EC regarding water license 2BE-STO1015 would still apply. If there are any changes to the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4631 or by email at [Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca](mailto:Paula.C.Smith@ec.gc.ca).

Regards,



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