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File No: NWB2TMP

July 14, 2005

Mr. Patrick Smillie, Geologist
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Email: Patrick.smillie@kennecott.com

Subject: Kennecott Canada Exploration Inc. – Thirty Mile Project – New Type “B”

Dear Mr. Smillie:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt of your application for a new water license on May 16, 2005 for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling and camp operations for the Thirty Mile Project, in the Kivalliq region. The application, a copy of which can be obtained from our ftp site (<http://ftp.nunavut.ca> in folder nwb / NWB2 Exploration and sub-folder NWB2TMP) or by contacting our office, consists of the following items:

- cover letter dated April 15, 2005, received May 16, 2005
- resubmitted water license application form, received July 13, 2005
- supplementary questionnaire, received May 16, 2005
- 2005 Work and Environmental Action Plan (English and Inuktitut), received May 16, 2005
- Area map, received May 16, 2005
- Correspondence with Kivalliq IA, received May 16, 2005
- 20 person camp proposed site plan, received May 16, 2005
- Contingency Plan, received May 16, 2005
- AR Plan, received May 16, 2005
- MSDS Sheets, received May 16, 2005

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

However, before your application can be processed further by the NWB, it is subject to sections 38(1) to 38(5) of the Act and therefore must first be reviewed by the **Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)** to determine its conformity with an approved land use plan. **By copy of this letter to the NPC, we are formally asking our sister board to undertake this determination and inform the NWB of its decision.**

The NWB Technical Advisor, Dave Hohnstein, telephone 780-443-4406, email tech2@nwb.nunavut.ca, assigned to your application may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

Pursuant to Section 13.7.3 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement this application is of a class that does not require a public hearing, and is therefore exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, as per Schedule 12-1 of the NLCA. We are consequently requesting **NPC to forward the application back to the NWB** when its determination is complete.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representations directly to the NWB within 30 days from the date of this letter. Please note that a Contingency Plan and Abandonment and Restoration Plan were also received with the application and require review. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

Enclosure: Notice of Application

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