

File No.: 2BE-TRE0608

May 6, 2014

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Re: Licence No. 2BE-TRE0608: Cancellation of Licence Issued to Strongbow

**Exploration Inc. for the Tree River Project** 

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

On September 5, 2013, the NWB received from Strongbow Exploration Inc., an application requesting the cancellation of Licence No. 2BE-TRE0608.

The original Water Licence was issued by the Nunavut Water Board (Board) to Strongbow Resources Inc. for the Tree River Project on May 6, 2004, with the expiry date set for April 30, 2006. A Licence Renewal as 2BE-TRE0608 was issued to Strongbow Exploration Inc., on June 5th, 2006 and expired on September 31st 2008. The Licence is for the use of twenty-five (25) cubic metres daily of water in support of gold and base metal exploration activities, that included temporary exploration camps operation, exploratory mapping and prospecting activities at the Project site. The project operated at a site located approximately 140 kilometres southeast of Kugluktuk within the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.

On October 8, 2013, the NWB distributed the cancellation application for a thirty-day comment period. Comments were received from Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC). Additionally, a site inspection was conducted by an AANDC Water Resource Officer on September 15, 2013. The final inspection report submitted on November 14, 2013 states that the inspector is satisfied that abandonment and reclamation activities in relation to this licence have been completed.

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) has completed its final review of the application submitted by Strongbow Exploration Inc. for the cancellation of Licence 2BE-TRE0608, issued to the Tree River Project, located 140 kilometres southeast of Kugluktuk, within the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut.

The review, which considered the application documents, file history, interveners' submissions<sup>1</sup>, and Inspection Reports<sup>2</sup>, has determined that the application generally satisfies the conditions required for cancellation of the licence.

By copy of this correspondence, the Board is informing the Licensee and interested persons that Licensee No. 2BE-TRE0608 has been cancelled in accordance with s. 43(1) (c) (i) of *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (*Act*), and as directed under Board **Motion No. 2014-B1-006** 

The Licensee should note, however, that consistent with s. 46 of the Act, the cancellation of a licence does not relieve the holder from any obligations imposed by the licence.

Should you have any questions, please contact the NWB's Licensing Department at (867) 360-6338 or by email to <a href="mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca">licensing@nwb-oen.ca</a>.

Yours truly,

Thomas Kabloona

Nunavut Water Board

Chair

Cc: Distribution List – Kitikmeot Region

<sup>1</sup> AANDC's letter to NWB Re: #2BE-TRE0608-Tree River Project – Strongbow Exploration Inc. - Kitikmeot Region-Licence Cancellation, on November 7 2013.

<sup>2</sup> AANDC letter to NWB, Re: Inspection of Water Licence 2BE-TRE0608, September 15 2013; on November 14, 2013.