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Phyllis Beaulieu
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via Email to: licensingadmin@nunavutwaterboard.org

RE: NWB FILE # 2BE-TRN – RockGate Capital Corporation – Turner Lake Gold Exploration Project

Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

The Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment (DOE) has reviewed the water license application from RockGate Capital Corporation for the Turner Lake Gold Exploration Project, and has the following comments and recommendations to make based on the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding spill contingency and abandonment & restoration.

1. ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION

Drill Sumps

The sumps should only be used for inert drilling fluids, not any other materials or substances. The sumps should be properly closed out.

Contaminated Soils

Soil contaminated by fuel (e.g., soils under an old storage tank) should be treated on site or removed to an approved disposal site and replaced with new soil. Soils in the vicinity of fuel and/or chemical storage should be tested and disposed off if necessary.

Final Inspections

Final inspections of the entire site should be conducted by the proponent and lead agency to make sure that all areas of the site have been reclaimed as much as possible to its previous condition. Soil samples and pictures before and after the project would make this process easy on the proponent and leading agencies involved in determining areas of concern.

2. SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN

Based on the DOE *Spill Contingency Planning and Reporting Regulations*, *Contingency Planning and Spill Reporting in Nunavut: a Guide to the New Regulations*, and *Guideline for the General Management of Hazardous Waste in Nunavut*, DOE has the following comments and recommendations to make:

- *The date the contingency plan was prepared.*
- *The name and address of the person in charge, management or control.* This is an on-site person responsible for managing the facility. This person would be initially responsible for clean up activities.
- *The name and address of the owner if different from the person in charge.*

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- ***The name, job title and 24 hour telephone number for the persons responsible for activating the contingency plan.*** This ensures the employee discovering the spill can activate a response and provides a 24 hour point of contact for the authority investigating the spill.
- *A description of the type and amount of fuels and chemicals normally stored on site.*
- *A description of the training provided to employees to respond to a spill.* A sound training program is necessary when dealing with an emergency situation
- Please update the Emergency Contact list in the Spill Contingency Plan to include the following telephone numbers for the GN-Department of Environment (867) 975-7700 and the Manager Pollution Control and Air Quality (867) 975-7748.

The GN thanks NWB for the opportunity to provide comments on the RockGate Capital Corporation's water license application. Please contact us if you have further questions.

Yours sincerely,

Original signed by

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