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Your file - Votre référence  
2BE-WOL1920

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Our file - Notre référence  
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**Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada's review of Rio Algom Exploration Inc.'s cancellation application for water licence #2BE-WOL1920 for the Wolverine Project – Kitikmeot Region**

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Thank you for your July 22, 2020 invitation for comments on the above referenced application. The Water Resources Division of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) examined the application and provides the following comments for the Nunavut Water Board's consideration.

CIRNAC notes:

- The licensee has submitted an annual report as required by the licence.
- The water licence authorized use of water and deposit of waste for camp purposes and explicitly excluded drilling. The work undertaken in 2019, as described by the licensee, is in line with their authorization.
- CIRNAC inspectors have not carried out a final inspection. They are aware of the cancellation application and will schedule this inspection when possible.

CIRNAC recommends the decision to cancel licence 2BE-WOL1920 be made after the final inspection is conducted, and consider findings reported.

Comments have been provided pursuant to CIRNAC's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act*. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-3876 or by e-mail at [sarah.forte@canada.ca](mailto:sarah.forte@canada.ca) or Godwin Okonkwo at (867) 975-4550 and [godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca](mailto:godwin.okonkwo@canada.ca).

Sincerely,

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