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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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**File: 3AM-ARV1015/
Short Term Renewal**

June 17, 2015

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

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**Subject: Licence No. 3AM-ARV1015 – Hamlet of Arviat, Nunavut;
Short Term Renewal Licence No. 3AM-ARV1016**

Dear Honourable Minister Valcourt:

Please find enclosed, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) Decision regarding the Short Term Renewal Application for Licence No. 3AM-ARV1015. The Short Term Renewal Application involves the request to extend, for a period of up to 180 days, the expiry of Licence No. 3AM-ARV1015 (Existing Licence). The Existing Licence is a municipal Type “A” Water Licence and was issued to the Hamlet of Arviat (Applicant) by the NWB on August 23, 2010, and was subsequently approved by the Minister on September 29, 2010. It is set to expire on August 31, 2015.

On February 27, 2015, the Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS) on behalf of the Hamlet of Arviat, submitted a full licence renewal and amendment application to the NWB in respect of the Existing Licence. This full Renewal and Amendment Application is currently under review by the Board and interested persons but is unlikely to be fully processed by the NWB prior to the expiry of the Existing Licence.

On March 30, 2015, the GN-CGS, on behalf of the Hamlet of Arviat, submitted a Short Term Renewal application (STR Application) seeking to extend the expiry of the Existing Licence by a period of up to 180 days in order to bridge any potential gap between the expiry of the Existing Licence and the potential issuance of a renewed Licence. As permitted under s. 9(1)(b) of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, (SOR/2013-693), following a public comment period of at least thirty (30) days, the STR Application was processed without a Public Hearing.

The short term renewal of the Existing Licence has been requested on the following basis:

- No changes to the Existing Licence (administrative or otherwise);

- The short term renewal would not exceed 180 days from the date on which the existing Licence expires (August 31, 2015), with the expiry of the Short Term Renewal (STR) occurring on the earlier of February 27, 2016 or on the granting of a renewed water licence, should the Board issue and the Minister approve the Renewal and Amendment Application for a renewed water licence;
- No plans, studies, reports, or designs would be submitted in support of the STR as this information has already been provided, or will be provided during the Board's processing of the Renewal and Amendment Application; and
- The assumption that even if the STR is approved, the Renewal and Amendment Application that is currently before the Board will continue to be processed in as timely and efficient a manner as possible.

The NWB published Notice of the STR Application on April 24, 2015 and commenced a thirty (30) day technical review and comment period, which closed on May 24, 2015. On June 16, 2015, the Panel of the Board, duly authorized to consider the STR Application and the Renewal and Amendment Application (the Panel or P16), met via teleconference to consider the STR Application. By Motion #2015-11-P16-04, the Panel authorized the issuance of this Short Term Renewal Licence, with the only change to the Licence being the extension of the expiry date of the Licence of up to 180 days, which would result in the Licence now expiring on February 27, 2016. Please note that as the grant of the STR Application changes the year of expiry, the STR Licence number has been changed from the Existing Licence 3AM-ARV1015 to 3AM-ARV1016. All other terms and conditions of the Existing Licence remain the same and are carried forward to the Short Term Renewal Licence, 3AM-ARV1016.

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, this short term renewal of the existing Licence requires your approval and as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision and Short Term Renewal Licence for your consideration.

Should you have any questions and/or require clarification on the above, or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

Attached: Licence No. 3AM-ARV1016 Reasons for Decision
Short Term Renewal Licence No. 3AM-ARV1016

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