

File No: 3AM-CHE2333

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Honourable Daniel Vandal, PC, MP Minister of Northern Affairs The Valour Building, Suite 550 House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A6

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Subject: Type "A" Water Licence No: 3AM-CHE2333; Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet

Dear Honourable Minister Vandal:

Please find attached a copy of the Type "A" Water Licence No: 3AM-CHE2333 (Licence), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet for a Municipal undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence authorizes the continued use of Water and deposit of Waste at the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet and will replace the existing Type "B" Water Licence No: 3BM-CHE1523.

In its decision to issue the Licence and consistent with the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, the Board considered the outcome of its review process as well as the determinations made by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with respect to the undertaking.

The NPC in its March 7, 2023 correspondence<sup>1</sup> confirmed that the project proposal did not constitute a significant modification to the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities and the NPC's previous conformity determinations dated April 28, 2015 and October 27, 2022 still apply, and that the project proposal is exempt from further screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) because the project proposal did not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities already assessed by NIRB. The NIRB has previously screened and exempted the works and activities associated with the current proposal, for a Type "A" Water Licence (NIRB File No. EX232).

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, the above referenced Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision including the Record of Proceedings along with a copy of Water Licence No: 3AM-CHE2333 for your consideration.

Should you have any questions, require clarification with respect to the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie Nunavut Water Board, Chair LT/as/rh

Enclosure: Licence No: 3AM-CHE2333

**Reasons for Decision** 

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination; NPC File #149998 [3BM-CHE1523 Municipal Water Licence Renewal], March 7, 2023.