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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

To: Rankin Inlet Distribution List

Re: 3AM GRA1015 Closing of the Public Hearing Record in Respect of the Type “A” Water Licence Amendment Application by Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services for the Municipality of Rankin Inlet

Further to the Nunavut Water Board’s (NWB or Board) Public Hearing associated with the Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS or Applicant) Type “A” Water Licence Amendment Application (Application) for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet 3AM-GRA1015, held on September 25-26, 2014, the Board wishes to advise all interested parties that the Board received on Friday, October 10, 2014, GN-CGS written Responses to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) question/comments made during the Public Hearing and Water Chemistry information (final information was submitted on October 23, 2014). On October 23, 2014, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) informed the Board that at this time AANDC is satisfied with the water chemistry information provided.

The Board has placed this information on its public registry and access is made available through the NWB’s ftp site using the following link (Username: “**public**”, Password: “**registry**”):

[ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1_PRUC_PUBLIC_REGISTRY/3_MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM - Municipality/3AM-GRA1015/1 APPLICATION/2012 Amendment/](ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1_PRUC_PUBLIC_REGISTRY/3_MUNICIPAL/3A/3AM_-_Municipality/3AM-GRA1015/1_APPLICATION/2012_Amendment/)

As I indicated in my closing remarks at the Public Hearing, having received the GN-CGS responses to DFO questions and Char River and Lower Landing Lake water chemistry information, the decision-making Panel for this Application, NWB Panel P10, by way of Panel Motion #: 2014-P10-005 has determined that the Public Hearing record for the Nunavut Water Board’s Public Hearing regarding the GN-CGS Type “A” Water Licence 3AM-GRA1015 Application for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet is now **CLOSED**. Accordingly, no additional evidence in respect of the Application may be filed with the Board, and the Hearing Record will consist of the documentation filed in advance of the Hearing, the oral evidence and Exhibits filed during the Hearing and the written confirmations filed with the Board on October 10 and 23.



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Now that the Hearing Record has closed, the Application has been remitted to the Panel who will, in due course¹ issue a decision report to the Minister of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada regarding whether or not to issue the Amendment to the Type A Licence to GN-CGS for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet. If the Board's decision is to recommend that a Type A Licence Amendment be issued, the Board will also attach a copy of the licence to the decision report for the review of the Minister.

Please note that with the Public Hearing Record now closed and the Panel in deliberations, the Board will not provide any further comment regarding this Application until the Board publicly issues its decision regarding the Application.

In closing, the Board extends our thanks to all the parties, community members and general members of the public who were involved in the Board's processing of this Application, and in particular the Board appreciates the contributions of everyone who attended the Public Hearings in Rankin Inlet in September.

Sincerely,

Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson
Nunavut Water Board

¹ Typically within 30 days from the date the Application was remitted to the Panel, which is in this case November 24, 2014.