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**File: 3AM-GRA1015/
Short Term Renewal**

May 20, 2015

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Bernard Valcourt, PC, QC, MP
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**Subject: Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015 – Hamlet of Rankin Inlet, Nunavut;
Short Term Renewal**

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-GRA1015 (the Licence). The Licence was issued to Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS or Applicant) by the NWB on June 9, 2010, and was subsequently approved by the Minister on July 28, 2010. It is set to expire on May 31, 2015.

On March 9, 2015, GN-CGS submitted a full licence renewal application (Renewal Application) to the NWB. The Renewal Application is currently under review by the Board and interested persons.

On March 26, 2015, the GN-CGS submitted a 180 day short term renewal application (STR Application) 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, the STR Application can be processed without a Public Hearing.

The short term renewal of the Existing Licence has been requested by GN-CGS 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 (May 31, 2015), with the expiry of the Short Term Renewal (STR) occurring on the earlier of November 27, 2015 or on the granting of a renewed water

licence, should the Board issue and the Minister approve the Renewal 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 Application; and
- The assumption that even if the STR is approved, the Renewal 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 March 30, 2015 and commenced a thirty (30) day technical review and comment period, which closed on April 30, 2015. The Board made a Decision regarding the STR Application on May 19, 2015. By Motion #2015-08-P10-03, the duly authorized Panel of the Board responsible for dealing with the STR Application, authorized the issuance of this Short Term Renewal Licence, with only a change to the expiry date of the Licence, adding a further term of up to a maximum of 180 days beyond the current expiry date, which would result in the Licence now expiring on November 27, 2015.

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,

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Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

Attached: Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015 Reasons For Decision
Short Term Renewal Licence No. 3AM-GRA1015

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