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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

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August 31, 2001

Honourable Robert Nault  
Minister  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Ottawa ON K1A 0H4

Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your letter of August 13, 2001 regarding the Iqaluit water license (NWB3IQA0103) issued by the Nunavut Water Board.

The Board has reviewed your decision to reject the Iqaluit license. While the Board respects your conclusion, it stands behind the validity of the licenses it has issued as per the NLCA, and continues to share the Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated's views expressed in James Eetoolook's July 9, 2001 letter to you. Regardless, the Board believes that only a competent court could rule on this fundamental issue, and we believe that this process need not be confrontational. Considering the diverging opinions on this question, I believe that your proposition, to the effect that our respective staff should meet to resolve outstanding issues regarding this license, would not be fruitful.

The Board remains committed to working with you cooperatively on the resolution of this matter. I am sincerely looking forward to meeting with you shortly specifically on the Iqaluit license, and I wish to thank you for the very pleasant meeting we had during your recent visit to Nunavut.

Respectfully,

***Original signed by:***

Thomas Kudloo  
Chair

c.c. James Eetoolook, Nunavut Tungavik Incorporated