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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

File No: 3AM-IQA1626/

Replacement/Amendment of Expired Licence 3AM-IQA0612

June 17, 2016

By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Carolyn Bennett, PC, MP
Minister of Indigenous and North Affairs Canada
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Subject: Licence No. 3AM-IQA1626 – Licence to Replace and Amend Expired Type “A” Water Licence 3AM-IQA0612 Issued to the City of Iqaluit for a Municipal Undertaking

Dear Honourable Minister Bennett:

Please find attached a copy of Type “A” Water Licence No. 3AM-IQA1626 (the “Licence”), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board to the City of Iqaluit (the “City”) for a Municipal undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. The Licence replaces the expired Type “A” Water Licence 3AM-IQA0612, which authorizes the City to use Waters and deposit Wastes during the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of relevant facilities, infrastructure, and works situated within the municipal boundaries of the City of Iqaluit, in the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut.

In its decision to issue the Licence and consistent with the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* (NLCA), 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 May 5, 2012 correspondence¹ confirmed that the undertaking proposed by the City was outside the boundaries of the two approved land use plans in place. Further, following the implementation of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA) on July 9, 2015, the NPC provided confirmation² that the proposal for the City of Iqaluit undertaking did not require additional review in accordance with section 235(1) of NuPPAA. The NIRB in its November 2014 Screening Decision Report issued a 12.4.4(a) determination under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement,³ indicating that the undertaking proposed by the City may be processed without a review under Article 12, Part 5 or 6 of the NLCA.

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 Licence No. 3AM-IQA1626 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,

Norman Mike
Chair, P6 Panel (City of Iqaluit Panel)
Nunavut Water Board

Cc: Qikiqtani Distribution List

Enclosures: Water Licence No. 3AM-IQA1626
Reasons for Decision Including Record of Proceedings

¹ Email from C. Tickner, Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) to M. Leach (City of Iqaluit) and B. Aglukark, NPC, Re: City of Iqaluit –Water Licence Renewal, May 5, 2012.

² Letter from P. Scholz, NPC, to M. Hassan, City of Iqaluit, Re: NWB 3AM IQA0612 – Type “A”, Amendment, August 28, 2015.

³ NIRB, Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 13UN034, November 3, 2014.