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File No: 3AM-RUT2035

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By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Daniel Vandal, PC, MP
Minister of Northern Affairs
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Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-RUT2035 – Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services; Hamlet of Resolute Bay Utilidor System

Dear Honourable Minister Vandal:

Please find attached a copy the Type “A” Water Licence No: 3AM-RUT2035 (Licence), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to the Government of Nunavut, Community and Government Services Department (GN-CGS) for a Municipal undertaking in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence authorizes the continued use of Water and disposal of Sewage through the Utilidor System at the Hamlet of Resolute Bay and will replace the expired Type “B” Water Licence No: 3BM-RUT1520.

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 December 19, 2019 correspondence¹ confirmed that the project

¹ Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination; NPC File #149220 [Renewal and Amendment of the Resolute Bay Utilidor System Water Licence #3 BM-RUT1520 Type A for Ten (10) yr term], December 19, 2019.

proposal conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP) and the NPC's previous conformity determinations dated October 14, 2010, September 19, 2014, and November 3, 2017 still apply. However, the NPC has determined that, due to the increase to the Water use requirements and transition of the former Type "B" Water Licence to a Type "A" Water Licence, the project proposal is a significant modification to the previously approved projects, therefore because the project proposal does not belong to a class of works or activities that are exempt from screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), as set out in Schedule 12-1 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, a screening level assessment of the project proposal by the NIRB is required. On May 14, 2020, the NIRB issued its Screening Decision Report associated with the Application², which states that a further assessment of the project proposal is not required as a review under Article 12 of the *Nunavut Agreement* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *NuPPAA*.

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-RUT2035 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/sk/rqd

Enclosure: **Licence No: 3AM-RUT2035**
 Reasons for Decision

cc. Qikiqtani Distribution List

² NIRB Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 19WN050, May 14, 2020.