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Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth

Ministère de la Culture, de la Langue, des Aînés et de la Jeunesse

April 27, 2011

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0

Re: Nunavut Water Board Licence 3BC-ACS/ Arctic Carbonates, Sandstones and Volcanic Rocks Project (Benoit Beauchamp, Arctic Institute of North America)

Due Date: May 20, 2011

Dear Phyllis Beaulieu:

At your request, the Department of Culture, Language Elders and Youth (CLEY), Government of Nunavut, has reviewed the above-noted application. Our recommendations are limited to CLEY's mandate, the protection of archaeological and paleontological resources, and follow.

The Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth does not object to a water licence being issued for the above noted application. However, CLEY is requiring specific terms and conditions be attached to this approval. The terms and conditions CLEY is requiring are as follows:

- 1) If provided the list of recorded archaeological sites in Attachment 1 must be avoided. The information contained in Attachment #1 is provided solely for the purpose of the proponent's land use activities as described in the land use application, and must otherwise be treated confidentially by the proponent.
- 2) If an archaeological or paleontological site is encountered or disturbed in the course of the land use activity the attached methods of Site Protection and Restoration must be followed by the proponent.

Visitors to Nunavut seem to like to collect animal bones that they encounter on the landscape as souvenirs; however animal bones often make up a significant portion of the remains associated with an archaeological sites. The proponent should refrain from collecting animal bones found on the land since they do not have the background to assess if these remains make up part of an archaeological site.

Sincerely,

sent by email

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