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Subject: Type “B” Licence No. 3BC-BGI0813, Part H Item 1; Submission of a revised Spill Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Sharp:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received on December 01, 2010, the updated Plan entitled “Spill Contingency Plan: Devon Island Ice Cap Field Research Program, Arctic and Alpine Research Group, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences University of Alberta” (the Plan). On February 25, 2011, the NWB acknowledged receipt of the Plan and distributed it for a public-review with a comment deadline of March 28, 2011. In addition to comments received in the original application review, submissions were received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and Environment Canada (EC)¹.

Based on the review of the Plan and submissions, it was determined that the document is acceptable and consistent with the requirements of Part H, Item 1 of the terms and conditions under Licence No, 3BC-BGI0813. The NWB therefore, has approved the Plan under motion number 2011-06-L02. Although the Plan is considered functional, the Licensee is to address minor issues raised by the parties and shall submit to the NWB for review, revisions to be provided as an addendum to the Plan. Although this addendum may be provided to the NWB with the Annual Report as an annual review of the plan, changes should be made prior to commencement of seasonal activities. These revisions are to include or address the following:

1. Some sort of berm and liner (under the snow) if possible, should be in place in order to better contain any unforeseen spill.

¹ Environment Canada submission dated March 25, 2011, 3BC-BGI0813 Spill Contingency Plan; INAC submission dated April 19, 2008, 3BC-BGI--- New Water License– Belcher Glacier Project – Environment Canada

2. Clearer, more detailed maps and pictures should accompany any future plans as very little detail can be determined and/or deciphered from the maps attached;
3. A clear topographical map that indicates the fuel storage and spill kit locations; and
4. Correct the typo in the title of the plan on the front page.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 Ext. 24 or eskiby@nunavutwaterboard.org, at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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