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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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**File No: 3BC-EAS----**

July 17, 2008

Mr. Grant Gilchrist  
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Subject: Environment Canada – East Bay Project – New – Type “B”

Dear Mr. Gilchrist:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of your application for a Type “B” water licence on May 2, 2008, for water use and waste disposal associated with research activities in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut. The application can be obtained from our ftp site, User name: public, Password: registry at the following link:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/> or by contacting our office.

Please refer to the folder entitled PRUC/3 MUNICIPAL/3B/3BC-Camp/3BC-EAS

**The Board specifically requests comments from interested parties as to whether the water use and deposition of waste described in the attached application constitutes "domestic use" pursuant to section 13.7.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), such that the proposed use and deposition is exempt from the requirement for a water licence.**

The application consists of the following documents:

- Water Licence Application Form
- Remote Camp Supplementary Questionnaire
- Migratory Bird Studies in the East Bay Migratory Bird Sanctuary
- Spill Contingency Plan
- Inuktitut Research Summary
- Area Maps

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of

information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act. A Nunavut Water Board Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project proposal shall be reviewed by the Nunavut Planning Commission (“NPC”), to determine conformity with an approved land use plan, before it can be fully processed by the NWB. If the project falls outside the boundaries of an approved land use plan, the NWB requests written confirmation from NPC for our files. Also, by copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”), the NWB requests that the project be screened for environmental impacts, and notify the NWB of its review. Please note that NIRB has reviewed this file under file number 05AN011 and no further review is required.

To ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB forwards notice of all documentation to regulators and council of the municipality(ies) most affected by the project, inviting interested parties to make representation directly to the NWB **within 30 days from the date of this letter.** The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Subject to Sections 12.10.2 and 13.5.5 of the NLCA, where a review is required pursuant to Article 12, the NWB shall not approve any water application that forms part of that review until Article 12 has been complied with.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*

Phyllis Beaulieu  
Manager of Licensing

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: NPC Conformity  
Leslie Payette - NIRB  
Distribution List – Qikiqtani