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**RE: Approval of Revised Spill Contingency Plan, Geological Survey of Canada, Ellef Ringnes Island Project, Licence No. 3BC-ERI1011**

Dear Mr. Dewing:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB” “Board”) received, on November 29, 2010, from Geological Survey of Canada, the document entitled “Revised Spill Contingency Plan for Ellef Ringnes Field Camp,” dated November 22, 2010. On November 30, 2010, the NWB acknowledged receipt and distributed the document to interested parties and persons for a thirty-day review period, ending December 30, 2010. Comments<sup>1</sup> were received from two interveners, Environment Canada (EC) and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Both interveners made specific recommendations with respect to improving the overall functionality of the Plan.

The internal review of the Plan found it to be acceptable and mostly consistent with the requirements in the Licence. The Board has, therefore, approved the Plan under **Motion No. 2010-23-L16**. However, to address minor issues raised by the intervening parties, the Licensee is required to submit to the Board for review, by March 31, 2011, an addendum to the Plan. The addendum should address the following items:

- a. The pager number listed for Environment Canada on page 10 of the plan should be removed as it is no longer in service;
- b. The plan should include standard operating procedures for managing recovered petroleum hydrocarbon, contaminated soil; and
- c. The plan should contain response measures for addressing spills on land, ice and in water.

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<sup>1</sup> Environment Canada (EC) dated December 17, 2010; and Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), dated December 16, 2010

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-360-6338 ext. 25 or by email at [sjoseph@nunavutwaterboard.org](mailto:sjoseph@nunavutwaterboard.org).

Yours truly,

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