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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: 3BC-GBI----

January 14, 2011

Grant Gilchrist
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Subject: Environment Canada – Belcher Islands Project – New – Type “B”

Dear Mr. Gilchrist:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt, on December 15, 2010, of a new application for a Type “B” water license for water use and waste disposal associated with activities in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut. The application consists of the following documents:

- Water licence application received December 15, 2010
- Inuktitut & English Summaries received December 15, 2010
- Sanikiluaq HTO letter of support received December 15, 2010
- Spill Contingency Plan received December 15, 2010
- Belcher Islands maps received December 15, 2010
- Amended water licence application received January 13, 2011
- Remote Camp Questionnaire received January 14, 2011

The application can be obtained from our ftp site under PRUC with Username: public, Password: registry.

The NWB undertook a preliminary review of your application and concluded that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). However, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or to issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act. A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

Also, by copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”), the NWB requests that if the project proposal requires screening, the NIRB provide the NWB with a determination pursuant to Section 13.5.1 of the NLCA. If the project is exempt from screening pursuant to Schedule 12-1 of

the NLCA, the NWB requests written confirmation from the NIRB that the project proposal is in fact exempt from screening.

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:

Richard Dwyer
Licensing Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: NPC Conformity
NIRB
Distribution List – Qikiqtani