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**Subject: Licence No. 3BC-MBA0919, “Melville, Devon, Meighen
and Agassiz Camps” Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut;
Submission of revised Spill Contingency Plan**

Dear Mr. Burgess:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) received on February 24, 2011, the “Glacier Mass Balance and Pollution Studies in the Canadian High Arctic” Project’s revised Spill Contingency Plan (Plan). The Plan was distributed for information on April 21, 2011. Comments were received from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) and from Environment Canada (EC) on May 19, 2010.

INAC recommended that all fuel be contained in some sort of secondary containment (i.e., instalberms), even though snow has natural absorbent qualities INAC **does not** encourage or recommend the use of snow as a method of secondary containment. INAC also recommended the use of drip pans when refueling and to include in its spill kit some absorbent pads and/or materials and spill kits be located at each camp. The Plan should state the contact information for INAC Field Operations Manager Peter Kusugak, phone: 867-975-4295, fax 867 975-6445.

EC recommended outlining a clear path of spill response within the company staff and/or contractors and the list of agencies/persons to be contacted in the event of a spill. It was also stated that all spills of fuel, or other deleterious materials, regardless of size are to be reported to the NT-NU 24-hour Spill Line 867-920-8130.

INAC and EC’s comments are available at NWB’s FTP site under the link <ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org>.

Upon review of the submission, NWB determined that the Plan mostly fulfills the requirements of Part H, Item 1 of Licence 3BC-MBA0919. The NWB has, therefore, approved the plan through Board Motion No. 2011-11-L06, dated June 18, 2011.

However, the licensee is required to address the following issues within the future revision of the Plan:

- Include the contact information for INAC Field Operations Manager Peter Kusugak, phone: 867-975-4295, fax 867 975-6445;
- Outline a clear spill response path within the company staff and contractors;
- Include a list of agencies and their phone numbers to be contacted in the event of a spill; and
- State that all spills of fuel, or other deleterious materials, regardless of size are to be reported to the NT-NU 24-hour Spill Line 867-920-8130.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 Ext. 30 or k.kharatyan@nunavutwaterboard.org, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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