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**NUNAVUT WATER BOARD**  
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

**File No: NWB6MIA0507**

June 15, 2005

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**RE: NWB Licence No. NWB6MIA0507**

Dear Mr. Spence-Vinge:

Please find attached Licence No. NWB6MIA0507 issued to The Mianiqsijit Society by the Nunavut Water Board (**Motion #: 2005-05**) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*. The terms and conditions of the attached Licence related to water use and waste disposal are an integral part of this approval.

Sincerely,

  
Philippe di Pizzo  
Executive Director

Enclosure: Licence No. **NWB6MIA0507**

cc: Jim Rogers, DIAND Iqaluit  
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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

## DECISION

### LICENSE NUMBER: NWB6MIA0507-Type "B"

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to an application for a License dated June 23, 2004 made by:

#### THE MIANIQSIJIT SOCIETY

to allow for the use of water and disposal of waste during camp operations at Sahara Lake, located approximately 160 km from Baker Lake within the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut (camp located at latitude 65°02'22"N; longitude 98°54'20"W).

### DECISION

After having been satisfied that the application was in conformity with the applicable Land Use Plan and exempt from the requirement for screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board in accordance with Schedule 12.1, Paragraph 5 of the *Nunavut Land Claim Agreement* (NLCA), the NWB decided that the application could proceed through the regulatory process. In accordance with S.55.1 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSRTA) and Article 13 of the NLCA, public notice of the application was given and interested persons were invited to make representations to the NWB.

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and representations made by interested persons, the NWB, having given due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope and intent of the NLCA and of the NWNSRTA, decided to waive the requirement to hold a public hearing and furthermore to delegate its authority to approve the application to the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to S. 13.7.5 of the NLCA and S. 49(a) of the NWNSRTA and determined that:

**License Number NWB6MIA0507-Type "B" be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. (Motion #: 2005-05)**

SIGNED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

Philippe di Pizzo

Chief Administrative Officer

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

On June 23, 2005, an application for a water license was filed with the Nunavut Water Board by the Mianiqsijit Society for water use and waste disposal activities associated with camp operations at Sahara Lake, located approximately 160 km from Baker Lake within the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut (camp located at latitude 65°02'22"N; longitude 98°54'20"W).

After having been satisfied that the application was in conformity with the applicable Land Use Plan and exempt from the requirement for screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board in accordance with Schedule 12.1, Paragraph 5 of the *Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA)*, the NWB decided that the application could proceed through the regulatory process.

In accordance with S.55.1 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA)* and Article 13 of the *NLCA*, public notice of the application was given and interested persons were invited to make representations to the NWB. No public concerns were expressed, and after reviewing the submission of the Applicant and representations made by interested persons, the NWB, having given due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *NLCA* and of the *NWNSRTA*, decided to waive the requirement to hold a public hearing and furthermore to delegate its authority to approve the application to the Chief Administrative Officer pursuant to S.13.7.5 of the *NLCA* and S.49(a) of the *NWNSRTA*.

## **II. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS**

### **A. Term of the License**

In accordance with the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* S. 45, the NWB may issue a License for a term not exceeding twenty-five years. The NWB believes that a term of approximately two years is appropriate. The License term will allow the Licensee to properly carry out the terms and conditions of the License and will ensure that sufficient time is given to permit the Licensee to develop, submit and implement the plans required under the License to the satisfaction of the NWB.

### **B. Annual Report**

The requirements imposed on the Licensee in this License are for the purpose of ensuring that the NWB has an accurate annual update of water use and depositions of waste during a calendar year. This information is maintained on the public registry and is available to any interested persons upon request.

### **C. Spill Contingency Planning**

The Board generally requires that all Licensees prepare a comprehensive Spill Contingency Plan to establish a state of readiness to ensure a prompt and effective response to possible spills or

system failure events. The site-specific spill contingency plan will assist the Licensee in responding to emergencies such that the impacts to water in particular and the environment and public health in general are minimized. The Board requires that the Licensee submit a Spill Contingency Plan to the NWB within six (6) months of the issuance of this License.

#### **D. Abandonment and Restoration (A&R)**

To ensure that all future abandoned facilities are reclaimed in an appropriate manner, the NWB requires Licensees to submit an Abandonment and Restoration Plan. The Board requires that the Licensee submit an Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) Plan six (6) months prior to the cessation of on-site activities.

**LICENSE NWB6MIA0507-Type "B"**

Pursuant to the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to

**THE MIANIQSIJIT SOCIETY**

(Licensee)

of

**P.O. BOX 35, BAKER LAKE, NU X0C 0A0**

(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water for a period subject to restrictions and conditions contained within this License:

**NWB6MIA0507- Type "B"**

License Number

**NUNAVUT 04**

Water Management Area

**SAHARA LAKE, KIVALLIQ REGION, NUNAVUT**

Location

**WATER USE AND WASTE DISPOSAL**

Purpose

**MUNICIPAL - TYPE "B"**

Classification of Undertaking

**5 CUBIC METRES DAILY**

Total Quantity of Water Not to Exceed

**JUNE 15, 2005**

Date of License

**JUNE 30, 2007**

Expiry Date of License

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005 at Gjoa Haven, NU.



Philippe di Pizzo  
Chief Administrative Officer

## **PART A: SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS**

### **1. Scope**

This License allows for the use of water and the disposal of waste for an undertaking classified as Municipal at Sahara Lake, located approximately 160 km from Baker Lake within the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut (camp located at latitude 65°02'22"N; longitude 98°54'20"W).

- a. This License is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of water and the depositing of waste of any type in any waters or in any place under any conditions where such waste or any other waste that results from the deposits of such waste may enter any waters. Whenever new Regulations are made or existing Regulations are amended by the Governor in Council under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act, or other statutes imposing more stringent conditions relating to the quantity or type of waste that may be so deposited or under which any such waste may be so deposited, this License shall be deemed, upon promulgation of such Regulations, to be subject to such requirements; and
- b. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this License does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all applicable Federal, Territorial and Municipal legislation.

### **2. Definitions**

In this License: **NWB6MIA0507-Type "B"**

**"Act"** means the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

**"Amendment"** means a change to original terms and conditions of this License requiring correction, addition or deletion of specific terms and conditions of the License; modifications inconsistent with the terms of the set terms and conditions of the License;

**"Appurtenant Undertaking"** means an undertaking in relation to which a use of waters or a deposit of waste is permitted by a License issued by the Board;

**"Board"** means the Nunavut Water Board established under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

**"Chief Administrative Officer"** means the Executive Director of the Nunavut Water Board;

**"Greywater"** means all liquid wastes from showers, baths, sinks, kitchens and domestic washing facilities, but does not include toilet wastes;

**“Inspector”** means an Inspector designated by the Minister under Section 85 (1) of the *Act*;

**“Licensee”** means the holder of this License

**“Nunavut Land Claims Agreement” (NLCA)** means the *“Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada”*, including its preamble and schedules, and any amendments to that agreement made pursuant to it;

**“Sewage”** means all toilet wastes and greywater;

**“Spill Contingency Plan”** means a Plan developed to deal with unforeseen petroleum and chemical events that may occur during the operations conducted under the License;

**“Toilet Wastes”** means all human excreta and associated products, but does not include greywater;

**“Waste”** means, as defined in S.4 of the *Act*, any substance that, by itself or in combination with other substances found in water, would have the effect of altering the quality of any water to which the substance is added to an extent that is detrimental to its use by people or by any animal, fish or plant, or any water that would have that effect because of the quantity or concentration of the substances contained in it or because it has been treated or changed, by heat or other means;

### **3. ENFORCEMENT**

- a. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the *Act*, subjecting the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the *Act*;
- b. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the *Act*; and
- c. For the purpose of enforcing this Licence and with respect to the use of water and deposit or discharge of waste by the licensee, Inspectors appointed under the *Act*, hold all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the *Act* or by other applicable law.

## **PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The Water use fee shall be paid in accordance with the requirements of the *Act*.



2. Licensee shall file an Annual Report on the appurtenant undertaking with the Board not later than March 31st of the year following the calendar year reported which shall contain the following information:
  - i. A summary report of water use and waste disposal activities;
  - ii. A list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
  - iii. Revisions to the Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment and Restoration Plan;
  - iv. Progressive reclamation work undertaken;
  - v. All information as required by Part H, Item 5; and
  - vi. Any other details on water use or waste disposal requested by the Board by November 1 of the year being reported.
3. The Licensee shall notify the NWB of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with this project at least thirty (30) days prior to any such change.
4. The Licensee shall install flow meters or other such devices, or implement suitable methods required for the measuring of water volumes, to be operated and maintained to the satisfaction of an Inspector.
5. If the Licensee contemplates the renewal of License No. NWB6MIA0507, it is the responsibility of the Licensee to apply to the NWB for its renewal. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, and issues raised during a public hearing, if the NWB is required to hold one, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of the License renewal. Note that if the License expires before the NWB issues a new one, then water use and waste disposal must cease, or the Licensee will be in contravention of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of License No. NWB6MIA0507 be filed at least three months before the License expiry date.
6. If License No. NWB6MIA0507 requires an amendment, a public hearing may be required. The Licensee should submit applications for amendment as soon as possible to give the NWB sufficient time to go through the amendment process. The process may vary depending on the scope of the amendment requested
7. The Licensee shall ensure a copy of this License is maintained at the site of operations at all times. Any communication with respect to this License shall be made in writing to the attention of:

**(i) Chief Administrative Officer:**

Executive Director  
Nunavut Water Board  
P.O. Box 119  
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0  
Telephone: (867) 360-6338  
Fax: (867) 360-6369

**(ii) Inspector Contact:**

Water Resources Officer  
Nunavut District, Nunavut Region  
P.O. Box 100  
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0  
Telephone: (867) 975-4298  
Fax: (867) 979-6445

8. The Licensee shall submit one paper copy and one electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board. Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include a detailed executive summary in Inuktitut.

**PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE**

1. The Licensee shall obtain water for domestic use from Sahara Lake, up to a maximum of 5 cubic metres per day.
2. The Licensee shall equip all water intake hoses with a screen of an appropriate mesh size to ensure that there is no entrainment of fish.
3. The Licensee shall ensure that the rate of water withdrawal is such that fish do not become impinged on the screen.
4. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any water body.
5. The Licensee shall not do anything that will cause erosion to the banks of any body of water and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
6. Sediment and erosion control measures shall be implemented prior to and maintained during the operation to prevent entry of sediment into water.

**PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL**

1. Areas designated for waste disposal that may impair the quality, quantity, or flow of water shall be located at least thirty (30) metres above the ordinary high water mark of any water body, unless otherwise authorized by the Board.
2. No open burning or on-site land filling of domestic waste is permitted.

3. The Licensee shall incinerate all combustible waste, and shall ensure that all hazardous wastes, waste oil and non-combustible waste generated through the course of the operation are backhauled and disposed of in an approved waste disposal site.
4. The Licensee shall contain all greywater in a sump located at least thirty (30) metres above the ordinary high water mark of any water body, at a site where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
5. The Licensee shall discharge all sewage to pit toilets located at least thirty (30) metres above the ordinary high water mark of any water body, at a site where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created. The pit toilets shall be treated with lime and restored, to the satisfaction of an Inspector, to the pre-existing contours of the land prior to abandonment.

**PART E: CONDITIONS FOR CAMPS, ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURES AND OPERATIONS**

1. The Licensee shall not erect camps or store material on the surface of frozen streams or lakes except what is for immediate use. Camps shall be located such as to minimize impacts on surface drainage.
2. All activities shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize impacts on surface drainage and the Licensee shall immediately undertake any corrective measures in the event of any impacts on surface drainage.
3. Winter lake and stream crossings, including ice bridges, shall be constructed entirely of water, ice or snow; stream crossings shall be removed or notched prior to spring break-up.
4. With respect to access road, pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into any water body is prohibited. These materials shall be disposed of above the ordinary high water mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water.

**PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

1. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval within 6 (six) months of issuance of the License, a Spill Contingency Plan in accordance with the Board's "Spill Contingency Guidelines (1987)". The Plan shall contain the following information:
  - i. A clear response pathway to be followed in the event of a spill chemicals, petroleum products or waste associated with the project;
  - ii. A spill response contact list for Nunavut, including DIAND Water Resources and Environment Canada personnel in Iqaluit; and

- iii. Reporting requirements, including the notification of the DIAND Water Resources Inspector at (867) 975-4298 following the occurrence of any spill of chemicals, petroleum products or waste associated with the project.
2. If not approved by the Board, the plan referred to in Part F, Item 1 shall be revised and resubmitted within thirty (30) days of receiving the Boards decision.
3. The Licensee shall revise their Spill Contingency Plan annually to reflect changes in personnel, operations and/or technology or as directed by the Board. Revisions shall be submitted as an addendum to the approved plan and in accordance with Part B, Item 2 (iii).
4. The Licensee shall ensure that any chemicals, petroleum products or wastes associated with the project do not enter water. All sumps and fuel caches shall be located a minimum of thirty (30) metres above the ordinary high water mark of any adjacent water body. The Licensee is encouraged to use some form of secondary containment.
5. If during the term of this License, an unauthorized discharge of waste occurs, or if such a discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
  - i. Employ the Spill Contingency Plan;
  - ii. Report the spill immediately to the 24-Hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130 and to the DIAND Water Resources Inspector at (867) 975-4298; and
  - iii. Submit to the DIAND Water Resources Inspector on each occurrence, a detailed report including the GPS location, no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event.

#### **PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION**

1. The Licensee shall submit to the Board six (6) months prior to the completion of onsite activities an Abandonment and Reclamation Plan, prepared in accordance with applicable sections of the "*Guidelines for Abandonment and Restoration Planning for Mines in the Northwest Territories (1990)*", to address camp site remediation operations.
2. If not approved by the Board, the plan referred to in Part G, Item 1 shall be revised and resubmitted within thirty (30) days of receiving the Boards decision.
3. The Licensee shall implement the Plan referred to in Part G, Item 1 within the time schedule specified in the Plan submitted to the Board, unless otherwise approved by the Board.
4. The Licensee shall stabilize and restore, to the satisfaction of an Inspector, all camp waste disposal sumps to the pre-existing contours of the land prior to the abandonment of the camp site.

5. All disturbed areas shall be stabilized and re-vegetated as required, upon completion of work, and restored to a pre-disturbed state.

**PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM**

1. The Licensee shall, at a minimum, adhere to the following “Monitoring Program”
  - i. The Licensee shall measure and record in cubic metres the daily quantities of water utilized for camp operations and drilling operations, for all purposes;
  - ii. The Licensee shall determine the GPS co-ordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where sources of water are utilized for all purposes; and
  - iii. The Licensee shall determine the GPS co-ordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where wastes associated with camp operations and drilling operations are deposited.
2. Additional sampling and analysis may be requested by an Inspector.
3. The Licensee shall include all of the data and information required by the “Monitoring Program” in the Licensee's Annual Report, as required per Part B, Item 2.
4. Modifications to the Monitoring Program may be made only upon written approval of the Chief Administrative Officer.