Water Resources Nunavut Regional Office P.O. Box 100 Iqaluit, NU, X0A 0H0 NWB file - Votre référence 3BC-NTC1012 - Cancellation

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December 20, 2012

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0A 1J0

Re: Water Licence No. 3BC-NTC1012, Cancellation Application – Northeast Thelon Compilation, Geological Survey of Canada

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has performed a review of the Geological Survey of Canada cancellation application for water licence number 3BC-NTC1012 – Northeast Thelon Compilation Project, located in the Kivalliq region. The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) distributed the application for comment on December 5, 2012. The following comments are provided pursuant to AANDC's mandated responsibilities under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

In conducting this review, I have referred to all documents on the Nunavut Water Board's FTP site as it relates to 3BC-NTC. Attached is a Technical Review Memorandum for your consideration.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments. I can be reached at 867.975.4566 or by email at Andrea.Cull@aandc-aadnc.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

Originally signed by

Andrea Cull Pollution Policy Specialist, AANDC

Cc: Murray Ball, Manager of Water Resources, AANDC Christine Wilson, Resource Management Officer, AANDC



Technical Review Memorandum

To: Phyllis Beaulieu – Manager of Licensing, Nunavut Water Board

From: Andrea Cull – Pollution Policy Specialist, Aboriginal Affairs and

Northern Development Canada

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Background

Charles Jefferson, Geological Services Canada *"the Proponent"* has submitted an application for the cancellation of water licence, number 3BC-NTC1012 – Northeast Thelon Compilation Project, located in the Kivalliq region.

Please note that on July 27th - 31st, 2012 an AANDC Water Resource Officer did a final compliance inspection of the Northeast Thelon Compilation Project area. The inspector reported that there were no issues with this site and closure was recommended.

On October 25, 2012 a letter of recommendation was sent to the NWB from the Field Operations Division - AANDC, also confirming that the Northeast Thelon Compilation project may be approved for closure.

Recommendations/Comments

On behalf of the AANDC Water Resources Division the following comments/recommendations are provided to the NWB for consideration.

 The 2011 and 2012 annual reports were not found on the NWB ftp site. AANDC Water Resources Division recommends that the annual reports for both 2011 and 2012 be submitted to the NWB before the water licence is approved for closure. Please refer to Part B, Item 1 of the current water licence 3BC-NTC1012.

Prepared by Andrea Cull

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