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File No: 3BC-TEH

February 16, 2007

Mr. Neil Thompson
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RE: NWB Licence No. 3BC –TEH0707

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Please find attached Licence No. 3BC-TEH0707 issued to Nuna M&T Services Ltd. by the Chief Administrative Officer of the Nunavut Water Board pursuant to 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.

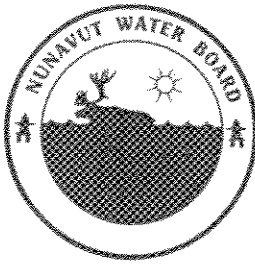
Sincerely,

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

PDP/rqd

Enclosure: Licence No. **3BC-TEH0707**

cc: Jim Rogers, DIAND Iqaluit
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DECISION

LICENCE NUMBER: 3BC-TEH0707

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to an application for a new Water Licence dated October 31, 2006 made by:

NUNA M&T SERVICES LIMITED

to allow for the use of water and disposal of waste during camp activities for the construction of the Meadowbank Gold Project access road. The camp will be located within the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut (located at 64°21'17" N latitude, and 95°59'44" W longitude).

DECISION

The proposed project underwent screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) in January 2007. Following approval by NIRB an application for a water licence was submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). After having been satisfied that the application was in conformity with the applicable Land Use Plan, 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 considering the 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*, waived the requirement to hold a public hearing and furthermore delegated 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:

Licence Number 3BC-TEH0707 be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. (Motion #: 2006-57)

SIGNED this 16th day of February 2007 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

Philippe di Pizzo
Chief Administrative Officer

Licence Number: 3BC-TEH0707

LICENCE 3BC-TEH

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

NUNA M&T SERVICES LIMITED

(Licensee)

of

9839 – 31st AVENUE, EDMONTON, ALBERTA T6N 1C5

(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 Licence:

3BC-TEH0707

Licence Number

NUNAVUT 06 & 07

Water Management Area

**MEADOWBANK GOLD PROJECT ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION CAMP,
KIVALLIQ REGION, NUNAVUT**

Location

WATER USE AND WASTE DISPOSAL

Purpose

MINING AND MILLING – TYPE “B”

Classification of Undertaking

10 CUBIC METRES PER DAY

Quantity of Water Not to Exceed

FEBRUARY 16, 2007

Date of Licence

JULY 31, 2007

Expiry Date of Licence

Dated this 16th day of February 2007 at Gjoa Haven, NU.


Philippe di Pizzo, Chief Administrative Officer

PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Scope

This Licence allows for the use of water and the disposal of waste for an undertaking classified as Municipal as per the geographical coordinates indicated in the application.

- i. This Licence 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 Licence shall be deemed, upon promulgation of such Regulations, to be subject to such requirements; and
- ii. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all applicable Federal, Territorial and Municipal legislation.

2. Definitions

“Act” means the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

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

“Appurtenant Undertaking” means an undertaking in relation to which a use of water or a deposit of waste is permitted by a licence 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*;

“Engineer” means a professional engineer registered to practice in Nunavut in accordance with the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Act (Nunavut) S.N.W.T. 1998, c.38, s.5;

“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 Licence;

“Modification” means an alteration to a physical work that introduces a new structure or eliminates an existing structure and does not alter the purpose or function of the work, but does not include an expansion;

“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;

“Regulations” means the *Northwest Territories Water Regulations* sor/93-303 8th June, 1993, omitting Section 5, Water Use or Waste Deposit Without a Licence;

“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 Licence;

“Sump” means an excavation in impermeable soil for the purpose of catching or storing water or waste;

“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

- i. 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*;
- ii. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the *Act*; and
- iii. 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 fee payable on the submission of an application for a licence or for the amendment, renewal, cancellation or assignment of a licence or of an application under section 31 of the Act is \$30. The water use fees of \$30, payable to the Receiver General for Canada, shall be sent to the Board annually in advance of any use in accordance with Section 9 of the *Regulations*.
2. The Licensee shall file an Annual Report on the appurtenant undertaking with the Board no later than March 31st of the year following the calendar year being reported which shall contain the following information:
 - i. A summary report of water use and waste disposal activities, including the GPS coordinates and photographic records of the camp, water supply and waste disposal facilities; and a summary of volumes of water used on a daily, monthly and annual basis, detailing the location of all water sources.
 - ii. A list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
 - iii. An up-to-date copy of the Spill Contingency Plan, including contact information;
 - iv. A description of all progressive and or final reclamation work undertaken, including photographic records of site conditions before, during and after completion of operations;
 - v. Results of the Monitoring Program (see Part I below); 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 this Licence, the Licensee is responsible 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 Licence renewal. Note that if the Licence 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. However, the expiry or cancellation of a licence does not relieve the holder from any obligations imposed by the licence. The NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of this Licence be filed at least four months before the Licence expiry date.

6. If the Licensee contemplates or requires an amendment to this licence, the NWB may decide, in the public interest, to hold a public hearing. 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 and timing may vary depending on the scope of the amendment requested but 30 days from time of acceptance of the request by the NWB is the minimum time required.
7. The Licensee shall ensure a copy of this Licence is maintained at the site of operations at all times. Any communication with respect to this Licence shall be made in writing to the attention of:

(i) Manager of Licensing:

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, INAC
Nunavut District, Nunavut Region
P.O. Box 100
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0
Telephone: (867) 975-4295
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.
9. The Licensee is responsible to ensure that any documents or correspondence submitted by the Licensee to the Board have been received and acknowledged by the Manager of Licensing.
10. This Licence is not assignable except as provided in Section 44 of the *Act*
11. The Licensee shall provide the Board with the results of the pre-leveling topographic survey of the camp site within thirty (30) days following the issuance of the licence.
12. The expiry or cancellation of this Licence does not relieve the holder from any

obligations imposed by the Licence as *per* Section 46 of the *Act*.

PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE

1. The volume of water for the purposes of this Licence shall not exceed 10 cubic metres per day.
2. Streams cannot be used as a water source unless authorized and approved by the Board.
3. If the Licensee requires water in sufficient volume that the source water body may be drawn down the Licensee shall, at least 30 days prior to commencement of use of water, submit to the Board for approval the following: volume required, hydrological overview of the water body, details of impacts, and proposed mitigation measures.
4. The Licensee shall equip all water intake hoses with a screen of an appropriate mesh size to ensure that fish are not entrained and shall withdraw water at a rate such that fish do not become impinged on the screen.
5. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any water body unless authorized.
6. The Licensee shall not cause erosion to the banks of any body of water and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
7. 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. The Licensee shall locate areas designated for temporary waste storage at a minimum distance of thirty (30) metres from the ordinary high water mark of any water body such that the quality, quantity or flow of water is not impaired, unless otherwise authorized by the Board.
2. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, the Licensee shall not practice open burning or on-site land filling of domestic waste.
3. The Licensee may incinerate all food waste, paper waste and wood products in an incinerator capable of meeting the emission limits established under the Canada-wide Standards for Dioxins and Furans the Canada-wide Standards for Mercury Emissions. In such case, the Licensee shall insure that the waste is burned in a device that promotes efficient combustion and reduction of emissions, and shall as much as possible reduce the amount of waste to be incinerated. The use of appropriate waste incineration technology shall be combined with a comprehensive waste management strategy (especially waste

segregation) that is designed to reduce and control the volumes of wastes produced, transported, and disposed of.

4. The Licensee shall remove from the site all hazardous wastes and waste oils generated through the course of the operation, and have them hauled to an approved waste disposal site.
5. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, the Licensee shall locate the heated and insulated sewage tank a distance of 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.
6. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, the Licensee shall locate the emergency sewage and greywater sump a distance of 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 emergency sump shall be treated with lime and covered with native material to achieve the pre-existing natural contours of the land prior to abandonment.
7. Unless otherwise approved by the Board, the Licensee shall remove all toilet wastes (including greywater) from the site on a regular basis, to be disposed of at a NWB licenced facility, for the life of the camp. Any remaining residue generated through the course of the operation shall be backhauled and disposed of in a NWB approved waste disposal site.

PART E: CONDITIONS FOR CAMPS, ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURES AND OPERATIONS

1. The Licensee shall not store material on the surface of frozen streams or lakes, including immediate banks, except what is for immediate use. The camp 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. The Licensee should minimize disturbance by locating ice bridges at an area that requires the minimum approach grading and the shortest crossing route. Stream crossings shall be removed or the ice notched prior to spring break-up.
4. With respect to access road, pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into or onto any water body is prohibited. These materials shall be disposed of a distance of at least thirty (30) metres from the ordinary high water mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water.

PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO DRILLING OPERATIONS

1. No drilling activities are authorized.

PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING

1. In accordance with section 6(2)(g)(i) and (ii) of the Regulations, the Licensee shall, within thirty (30) days of issuance of this Licence, keep on the site of operations a Spill Contingency Plan that will describe how petroleum products and hazardous materials will be handled, stored and disposed of, as well as how they will be contained and cleaned-up in the event of a spill. This Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - i. The name, address and contact number for the person in charge, management or control of the contaminant (in this case, fuel oil and any other chemicals associated with the program);
 - ii. The name and address and telephone number of the employer;
 - iii. The name, job title and 24 hour contact number for the person or persons responsible for activating the spill plan;
 - iv. A detailed description of the facility, including size and storage capacity and its geographic location – in UTM coordinates (map sheet number, Eastings and Northings) and in geographic coordinates (Lat/Long);
 - v. A description of the type and amount of contaminants stored on site;
 - vi. A description of the spill prevention measures to be undertaken in the handling, storage and disposal of petroleum products and hazardous materials;
 - vii. Steps taken to report, contain, clean up and dispose of a spill on applicable topographic conditions, i.e., land, water, snow, and ice;
 - viii. A site map of sufficiently large scale to show the location of buildings, storage areas of potential contaminants, sensitive areas such as water bodies, probable pathways of contaminant flow and general topography;
 - ix. A description of the spill response training provided to employees who will respond to a spill, including, but not limited to, detail of the formal training and expertise of personnel responsible for supervising the spill response, and an outline of any planned training and simulation exercises;
 - x. An inventory and location of the response and clean up equipment available to the spill clean up team;
 - xi. The means by which the spill plan is activated; and

- xii. The date that the spill plan was prepared.
- 2. The Licensee shall annually review the Plan referred to in this Part and if needed, modify it to reflect changes in operation and/or technology. The Plan and any revisions shall be submitted with the Annual Report.
- 3. 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 at a distance of at least thirty (30) metres from the ordinary high water mark of any adjacent water body and inspected on a regular basis.
- 4. The Licensee shall ensure that any equipment maintenance and servicing be conducted only in designated areas and shall implement special procedures (such as the use of drip pans) to manage motor fluids and other waste and contain potential spills.
- 5. If during the term of this Licence, 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 Inspector at (867) 975-4295; and
 - iii. For each spill occurrence, submit to the Inspector, no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event, a detailed report that will include the amount and type of spilled product, the GPS location of the spill, and the measures taken to contain and clean up the spill site.

PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION

- 1. The Licensee shall complete all restoration work prior to the expiry of this Licence.
- 2. The Licensee shall carry out progressive reclamation of any components of the project no longer required for the Licensee's operations.
- 3. The Licensee shall backfill and restore, to the satisfaction of an Inspector, all sumps to the pre-existing natural contours of the land.
- 4. The Licensee shall remove from the site infrastructures and site material, including but not limited to, all fuel caches, drums, barrels, buildings and contents, docks, water pumps and lines, material and equipment before the expiry of this License.
- 5. All roads shall be re-graded to match natural contour to reduce erosion.

6. In order to promote growth of vegetation and the needed microclimate for seed deposition, all disturbed surfaces shall be prepared by ripping, grading, or scarifying the surface to conform to the natural topography.
7. Areas that have been contaminated by hydrocarbons from normal operating procedures shall be remediated to the satisfaction of an Inspector. Hydrocarbon impacted soils shall be removed from the site and disposed of at an approved waste disposal site.
8. All disturbed areas shall be contoured and stabilized upon completion of work and restored to a pre-disturbed state.

PART I: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM

1. The Licensee shall measure and record, in cubic metres, the daily quantities of water utilized for camp and any other purposes.
2. The Licensee shall measure and record the following:
 - i. the quantities, in cubic metres, of domestic waste, sewage, and hazardous waste hauled off-site for disposal;
 - ii. the location and name of the disposal facility for each waste type noted above; and
 - iii. the date that each was hauled off-site for disposal, for each occasion that these are removed from the site.
3. The Licensee shall provide 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. The Licensee shall report these co-ordinates to the Inspector prior to utilizing waters.
4. The Licensee shall determine the GPS co-ordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations of temporary storage areas where wastes associated with camp operations are deposited. The Licensee shall report these co-ordinates to the Inspector prior to depositing wastes.
5. An Inspector may impose additional monitoring requirements.
6. The Licensee shall include in the Annual Report required under Part B, Item 2 all data and information required by this Part.