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**NWB File No: NWB3ARC0207**

May 28, 2004

Via Fax and Email

The Honourable Andy Mitchell, Minister  
Indian and Northern Affairs Canada  
Les Terrasses de la Chaudiere  
10 Wellington Street  
21 Floor, Suite 2100  
Hull, QC K1A 0H4

Re: Emergency Amendment – Hamlet of Arctic Bay Sewage Lagoon

Dear Mr. Minister:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has received an electronic mail dated May 28, 2004 from the Government of Nunavut, Department of Community Government Services, outlining remedial work required at the sewage disposal facility for the Hamlet of Arctic Bay, Nunavut. We attach a copy of that correspondence for your consideration.

The operation of that facility is duly authorized by water license NWB3ARC0207 issued by the Nunavut Water Board on November 1, 2002. In accordance with the terms and conditions of that license, an amendment is required before any such work can take place.

In light of the particular environmental, climatic and geotechnical conditions on site and the high probability of failure of the sewage lagoon's containment berms that could result in the release of waste into water in particular, and in the environment in general, the NWB declares this amendment to be required on an emergency basis. Consequently, pursuant to subsection 55(5) of the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act ("Act"), we are asking you to provide your consent so that the NWB can act on this application immediately and waive the delays contemplated under subsection 55(1) and 55(4) of the Act.

Due to the urgent nature of this request, we trust that you will consider our request positively and that your consent will be given in a timely fashion.

Sincerely,

*Original signed by:*  
Philippe di Pizzo  
Executive Director

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