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NWB File No: NWB3CAM

April 4, 2001

Mr. Elwood Johnston Senior Administrative Officer Hamlet of Cambridge Bay Box 16, Cambridge Bay, NU X0B 0C0

Subject: Hamlet of Cambridge Bay

Application for Licence Renewal NWB3CAM

Dear Mr. Johnston:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) has conducted an initial review of your application for the renewal of the Hamlet's municipal licence, and received comments from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Environment Canada, and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (DIAND). Copies are attached for your review and consideration.

First, the issue of environmental screening raised in the NIRB letter of March 6, 2001 must be addressed. As indicated in NIRB's letter, Schedule 12-1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) exempts from screening requirements the construction, operation and maintenance of all buildings and services within an established municipality. While we believe that municipal services contemplated in your application do not fall within the definition of "industrial activities" and as such are clearly exempt from screening requirements, we agree that it is not obvious from documents and maps submitted in support of your application whether the municipal services in question are within municipal boundaries. Please confirm with the Board that existing and proposed municipal limits and provide a detailed and recent map showing the municipal limits and the exact location of existing and proposed municipal infrastructures.

Additionally, as you will see from the comments received from Environment Canada and DIAND, reviewers have identified a number of deficiencies with your application and are requesting additional information. We respectfully ask you to review these comments and provide to the NWB a detailed response so that we can resume the processing of your application.

Please contact our office should you need assistance with your application. You may contact Dionne Filiatrault, NWB Technical Advisor, by telephone, telecopier or email (dionne@polarnet.ca).

Sincerely,

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator

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