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March 6, 2002

Mr. Arthur Osborne Senior Administrative Officer Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet P.O. Box 10 Chesterfield Inlet, NU X0C 0B0

Re: Request for Water Licence Application

Dear Mr. Osborne:

The Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) is responsible for enforcing provisions of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, which requires that municipal operations have a valid water licence. This licence is issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*, legislation which requires NWB approval for the use of water and disposal of waste into water. As such, we wish to advise you of this outstanding legal requirement that places you in noncompliance with the above legislation. To assist you in the application process, a copy of the necessary application and supplementary questionnaire has been included.

If you have questions about the licencing process or require assistance in completing the enclosed forms, please feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

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c.c. Nunavut Water Board Water Resources Officer