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File: NWB3CHE0308

July 10, 2009

Mr. Rick Van Horne
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By Email: sao_hamlet@qiniq.com

Subject: Renewal Application for Water Licence NWB3CHE0308

Dear Mr. Van Horne,

Following the distribution of the water licence renewal application for the Hamlet of Chesterfield Inlet (Hamlet or Applicant) on May 14, 2009, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received comments from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), Environment Canada, Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GN-DoE), and Government of Nunavut Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth. Comments are available on the NWB's ftp site:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/PRUC/3%20MUNICIPAL/3B/3BM%20-%20Municipality/3BM-CHE0308/2%20ADMIN/3%20SUBMISSIONS/2009%20Renewal/>

In the NWB's letter to you of May 14, 2009, which was copied to the distribution list, the NWB requested that the Hamlet provide a plan to address the issues identified in the NWB's administrative compliance assessment. The assessment was attached for your attention and a response deadline of June 1, 2009 was provided so that interested parties would have sufficient time to consider the Hamlet's plan prior to submitting their comments to the NWB. Our records indicate that no such plan or response was provided by the Applicant. As a result the NWB notes the following comments submitted by interested parties:

The Hamlet was required, as part of the expired license, to submit operational and maintenance plans for the Sewage and Solid Waste facilities, as well as a spill contingency plan to deal with fuel spills, storage and transportation of wastes, etc. A search of the NWB website revealed that no such plans have been submitted by the Hamlet. The Board should consider the submission of these plans prior to renewing this license (INAC Pg. 3)

And

DOE has reviewed the NWB's April 20, 2009 compliance assessment report and agrees with the NWB's report that outlining a number of unresolved issues and information needed to properly review the water licence application from the Hamlet is missing (GN-DoE Pg. 1).

Considering the circumstance and comments received, the NWB would like to provide the Applicant with an opportunity to respond to the comments and again is requesting that a plan be provided to address the compliance issues identified in the NWB administrative compliance assessment (attached). The plan, inclusive of an implementation schedule, will provide the NWB and interested parties with an understanding of how the Hamlet will move forward to achieve compliance.

Please submit the information to the NWB's Manager of Licensing (licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org) at your earliest convenience. In the meantime, The NWB reminds the Hamlet of its responsibility, pursuant to section 46 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, to be in compliance with the conditions of the Licence even though it is currently expired.

Should you, or interested parties, have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or Stephen Lines (403-697-7897).

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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Encl. NWB administrative compliance assessment.