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Subject: Licence No. 3BM-GJO0409: Hamlet of Gjoa Haven, Application for Licence Renewal. Plan for Compliance and Executive Summaries in English and Inuktitut

Dear Mr. Westwell:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB" or "Board") received on July 15, 2011 the Plan for Compliance ("Plan"), English and Inuktitut Executive Summaries for Licence No. 3BM-GJO0409 ("Licence"), for the Hamlet of Gjoa Haven, in support of the Water Licence renewal application received on April 21, 2010.

In regard to the Part B, Item 4 and Part C, Item 2 of the 2BE-GJO0409 expired licence, the Plan indicates that Water Lake is the source of withdrawal. However, water shall be withdrawn from Swan Lake and/or Water Lake as indicated in the renewal application.

In review of the Plan for Compliance submitted with the Application, and respect to the Part B, Items 2 and 5 of the Licence, the Plan indicates that:

"...a Monitoring Program will be developed and maintained by the Licensee starting 2013 when the new lagoon is expected to be completed."

Also, with respect to the Part D, Items 2, 3 and 4, Part F, Items 1, 4 and 5, and to all Items in Part H, the Plan states again that:

"...the lagoon is expected to be completed in 2013."

It is the NWB understanding through the review of the Plan, that no monitoring is planned to be carried out before the construction of a new lagoon, which is a subject of capital funding by the GN. This is a significant requirement of all licences and is a compliance issue that must be carried out under licences, whether a new facility is proposed or not.

With regard to the Part D, Items 6 and 7, the Plan indicates that;

“The scope of required upgrades is unknown at this time, it is not possible to identify a timeline for implementation. Facility upgrades will depend on the availability of capital funding, with the intent to carry out any repairs/upgrades as capital funding becomes available.”

However, a Short Term Plan for Compliance should be proposed and undertaken to ensure that the Licensee will be in compliance with these Items, and a Schedule for Implementation of Short Term Plan should be proposed.

With regard to the Part G, Item 1, the Plan states that:

“...the Abandonment and Restoration Plan will be completed six (6) months prior to decommissioning of the existing sewage lagoon. The executive summary also indicates that the Operation and Maintenance Manual for the Sewage Lagoon and Solid Waste Sites; Spill Contingency Plan; and Abandonment and Restoration Plan cannot be completed until an appropriate course of action with regard to these facilities has been determined.

The Hamlet’s Water Supply, sewage lagoon and solid waste facility are currently operating and the above mentioned Operation and Maintenance Manual, Spill Contingency Plan and Abandonment and Restoration Plan to be submitted should be based on the existing facilities and updated upon the completion of new facilities. The submission of these interim plans should be included in the Short Term Plan for Compliance list and a schedule for implementation should be proposed.

The NWB has determined upon its review that the submitted Plan for Compliance is not functional and the information provided is not sufficient for consideration of the water licence renewal. As such, the licence renewal process cannot proceed until an acceptable Plan is submitted. The Licensee is advised to address the above mentioned issues and submit a functional Plan for Compliance in order that the application is deemed complete and the licence renewal process may proceed.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 Ext. 30 or k.kharatyan@nunavutwaterboard.org, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

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