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Subject: Licence No. 3BM-GRI0911: Hamlet of Grise Fiord, Application for Licence Renewal and the Plan for Compliance.

Dear Mr. Kuluguqtuq and Mr. Roy:

On August 2, 2011, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) received an application for the renewal of water licence 3BM-GRI0911 (Licence) from the Government of Nunavut Department of Community Government Services (GN-CGS) on behalf of the Hamlet of Grise Fiord (Hamlet). The Renewal Application is comprised of the following documents:

- Completed Water Licence Application form;
- 2010 Annual Report for the Hamlet of Grise Fiord;
- Technical Summary of Grise Fiord Water Licensed Facilities (English); and
- Plan for Compliance Licence No. 3BM-GRI0911 Hamlet of Grise Fiord.

All documents related to the Renewal Application can be obtained from our ftp site, using the username of “public” and the password of “registry”, without the quotes, at the following link or by contacting our office:

<ftp://nunavutwaterboard.org/1%20PRUC%20PUBLIC%20REGISTRY/3%20MUNICIPAL/3B/3BM%20-%20Municipality/3BM-GRI0911/>

Following an internal preliminary review of the Renewal Application the NWB has determined that the Renewal Application is incomplete due to the following deficiencies:

- No Technical Summary document translated into Inuktitut;
- No approved and/or functional Plan for Compliance; and
- Outstanding requirements.

The Board notes that the Renewal Application includes a Plan for Compliance to address Part B, Item 1 of the Licence which states:

The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval, within ninety (90) days of Licence issuance or upon the filing of any application in relation to the Licence within that time, a Plan for Compliance that clearly demonstrates the measures the Licensee will undertake, including an implementation schedule, to achieve full compliance with the conditions of this Licence, including the issues raised in the Inspector's reports.

The reason for this Licence condition was discussed on page 4 of the Licence within the Board's decision:

The Board fully expects the Hamlet to take Immediate steps to come into full compliance with all Licence requirements for its existing facilities. and to operate the Sewage Disposal Facility in accordance with the Licence. Upon submission of an application to renew the Licence in approximately twenty one (21) months, the Board expects the Hamlet to be in full compliance with the licence. This shorter duration also permits the Board to increase its level of confidence of the Licensee that the facilities are operating as they should. As per Part B, Item 11 of the Licence, the Licensee must submit a Plan for Compliance that clearly demonstrates how the Hamlet will achieve full compliance with the Licence conditions during this time.

The Board has had the opportunity to review the Renewal Application including the Plan for Compliance (Plan), and any information subsequent to the initial application, which also includes the 2011, 2012 and 2013 Annual Reports.

The NWB has determined that clarifications in the Plan identified through the NWB's internal preliminary review must be addressed, the Plan must be functional and clearly demonstrate how the Hamlet will achieve full compliance, including a timetable with firm implementation dates and detailed corrective measures that will be undertaken to address the non-compliance issues to be approved by the Board with the Renewal Application.

Specifically, the NWB requires clarification regarding the short and long term plans for compliance for the following Licence conditions as they relate to the Hamlet's solid waste disposal facility:

- Part B, Item 1 (i), (j), (l), (m);
- Part F, Item 1 (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f); and
- Part G, Item 1.

According to the Plan for Compliance, a new Solid Waste Management facility was scheduled for construction in the summer of 2012 along with the abandonment of the existing facility after the new facility is in operation. In addition, it identified several conditions in the license that would be addressed once a new facility was constructed and commissioned.

The Board advises that if the licensee would like to include the new Solid Waste Management Facility in the scope of the current application, technical details and plans must be included describing plans for the new facility, including construction/commissioning and design drawings, as well as a stand-alone Abandonment and Restoration plan for the existing facility in accordance with Part G, Item 1.

Although the 2013 Annual Report indicates that the Project has been placed on hold, however updating the Board with more detailed information on its status would be beneficial.

All conditions in the license must be met irrespective of a new Waste Management Facility. The Board advises that if or when the project is ready to move forward the Licensee must submit to the Board an application for Licence amendment.

On February 22, 2012, Aboriginal affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC), issued a letter requesting individual Compliance actions plans for each municipality and include a timetable with firm implementation dates and corrective measures. The NWB seeks clarification on whether or not the Licensee responded to AANDC request.

If you have any questions or require clarification on the contents and technical requirements of this letter, please contact Erik Skiby, Assistant Technical Advisor at 867-360-6338 (x32) or by e-mail to erik.skiby@nwb-oen.ca or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services at 780-443-4406 or by e-mail to david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca

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