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## NUNAVUT WATER BOARD NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

August 6, 2001

Mr. Tommy Akavak Municipality of Kimmirut Kimmirut NU X0A 0N0

Re: Application for Municipal Licence - NWB3KIM

Dear Mr. Akavak:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) is currently reviewing your application for a municipal licence dated May 17, 2001. To this end, the Application and supporting documents have been forwarded to the attached distribution list for review and comments.

On the issue of the proposed upgrade to the present sewage treatment system, the NWB received a copy of a letter dated July 19, 2001 from Jordan DeGroot, Habitat Management Biologist with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), sent to your attention, requesting additional information on the location of the proposed sewage lagoon, the presence of fish habitat, and potential impacts to fish habitat associated with the project. The Board also notes that the Supplementary Questionnaire submitted in support of your Application states that the current sewage lagoon is being re-located and that there will be a new sewage lagoon in the year 2001. It appears from your Application that the construction of this new facility is in progress; however, our files indicate that this facility has not been approved by the Board and we wish to remind you that Section 13.9.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement stipulates that "where the approval of the NWB is required for a water application, the Applicant shall not proceed until approval has been granted".

On the same issue, the NWB Public Registry shows that on May 19, 1999, Dillon Consulting submitted to the NWB, on behalf of the Nunavut's Department of Public Works, Telecommunications & Technical Services, a planning report and design drawings for approval to proceed with the construction of a wetlands treatment system -rather than a sewage lagoon as currently proposed in your Application. This proposal was submitted to the NWB as a requirement of Part C, Item 4 of licence N5L4-1441, which expired December 31, 2000. The proposal was not approved by the NWB as the additional information requested by DFO in a letter dated June 2, 1999 to Mr. David Parker was not provided by Public Works, Telecommunications & Technical Services. In an electronic message to Mr. David Parker dated March 1, 2000, the NWB Technical Advisor inquired about the status of the treatment option by wetlands put forward in Dillon's 1999 proposal and reminded Mr. Parker that the

NWB had not issued approval for the project to proceed. Our files contain neither a reply to this inquiry nor a notification that a different treatment option was envisaged.

Consequently, in order for the NWB to resume the review and approval of your Application, please forward to this office as soon as possible your complete proposal and design drawings for upgrading the present sewage disposal system, including a response to Mr. DeGroot's request for additional information.

Sincerely, *Original signed by:* 

Philippe di Pizzo Executive Director

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