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October 30, 2020

Mr. Richard Dwyer Manager of Licensing Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0B 1J0 E-mail: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Re: Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada Comments on Hamlet of Kugluktuk Water Licence Renewal Application for Type "B" Water Licence No. 3BM-**KUG1520**

Dear Ms. Ikkutisluk,

Thank you for your October 9, 2020 email invitation for review and comment on the abovereferenced water licence renewal application, submitted by GN-CGS on behalf of the Hamlet of Kugluktuk. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC), pursuant to its mandated responsibilities under the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Department of Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Act, reviewed the renewal application documents and would like to provide the following comment to the Nunavut Water Board for consideration.

CIRNAC site inspections and the 2019 Annual Report of 3BM-KUG1520 have reported seepages across the berm and buttress toe of the Sewage Lagoon. These seepages may indicate a potential risk to structural stability which could consequently impact the environment. CIRNAC recommends that the licencee provide its plan to appropriately mitigate this seepage issue and implement the plan as early as practically possible.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to participate in this review. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact me at (867) 975-4555 or david.zhong@canada.ca or Bridget Campbell at (867) 975-4282 or bridget.campbell@canada.ca.

Sincerely,

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