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RE: NWB Amendment and Renewal Licence No: 3BM-NAU2333

Dear Mr. Clark and Ms. Clouter:

Please find attached Licence No: **3BM-NAU2333** (Licence) issued to Hamlet of Naujaat (Repulse Bay) by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement*). The terms and conditions of the attached Licence related to water use and waste disposal are an integral part of this approval.

If the Licensee contemplates the renewal of this Licence, it is the responsibility of the Licensee to apply to the NWB for its renewal. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, and issues raised during a public hearing, if the NWB is required to hold one, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of the Licence renewal. Note that if the Licence expires before the NWB issues a new one, then water use and waste disposal must cease, or the Licensee may be in contravention of the *Nunavut Agreement* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*. However, the expiry or cancellation of a licence does not relieve the holder from any obligations imposed by the licence. The NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of this Licence be filed at least three (3) months prior to the Licence expiry date.

If the Licensee contemplates or requires an amendment to this Licence, the NWB may decide, in the public's interest, to hold a public hearing. The Licensee should submit applications for amendment as soon as possible to give the NWB sufficient time to go through the amendment process. The process and timing may vary depending on the scope of the amendment; however, a minimum of sixty (60) days is required from time of acceptance by the NWB. It is the

responsibility of the Licensee to ensure that all application materials have been received and are acknowledged by the Manager of Licensing.

The NWB strongly recommends that the Licensee consult the comments received by interested persons on issues identified. This information is attached for your consideration.¹

Sincerely,

Lootie Toomasie Nunavut Water Board Chair

LT/as/rqd

Enclosure: Licence No: 3BM-NAU2333

Comments – CIRNA and ECCC

Cc: Kivalliq Distribution List

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¹ Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA), January 10 and January 25, 2023 and Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC), February 3, 2023.

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DECISION

LICENCE NUMBER: 3BM-NAU2333

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to the application received on December 22, 2022 for the amendment and renewal of an existing Water Licence made by:

HAMLET OF NAUJAAT (REPULSE BAY)

to allow for the use of water and deposit of waste during municipal activities by the Hamlet of Naujaat located within the Kivalliq Region, Nunavut, generally located at the geographical coordinates as follows:

Latitude: 66°31' N Longitude: 86°14' W

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the Application is for a proposal that is in conformity with the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP) as determined by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)² and determined by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)³ that a review is not required pursuant to Article 12, Section 12.4.4(a) of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* and s. 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)* subject to the terms and conditions recommended by the NIRB in accordance with Article 12 of the Nunavut Agreement and s.88, 92(1) and 92(2)(a) of *NuPPAA*, the NWB decided that the application could proceed through the regulatory process. In accordance with s. 55.1 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (Act)* and Article 13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, public notice of the application was given and interested persons were invited to make representations to the NWB.

After reviewing the submission of the Applicant and considering the representations made by interested persons, the NWB, having given due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *Nunavut Agreement* and of the *Act*, waived the requirement to hold a public hearing, and determined that:

² Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination, July 29, 2020

³ Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision, September 28, 2022

Licence No: 3BM-NAU2126 be amended and renewed as Licence No: 3BM-NAU2333 subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. (Motion #: 2022-B1-022)

Signed this <u>08th</u> day of <u>March, 2023</u> at Gjoa Haven, NU.

Lootie Toomasie Nunavut Water Board, Chair LT/as/rqd

I. BACKGROUND

The Hamlet of Naujaat (Hamlet) is located on the northern shore of Repulse Bay, on the south shore of the Rae Isthmus in the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut.

The Hamlet is responsible for providing municipal services to its residents, including potable water supply, sewage treatment, and solid waste management, partly in the context of a water licence issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to the Hamlet. The potable water source for the community is the Nuviq Luktujuq Lake. In 2021, the population of Naujaat was 1,225 residents, according to Statistics Canada.

The Hamlet infrastructure includes the following:

- The Water Supply Facility was upgraded in 2016. Water is drawn from Nuviq Luktujuq Lake and is treated in the truck-fill station before being transferred to municipal trucks that transport the water to holding tanks in all the residential and commercial buildings in the community.
- The Sewage Disposal Facility consists of a truck offload discharge area where the sewage is directed through a series of wetlands and surface water bodies before being discharged into Hudson Bay. All raw sewage generated by the community is collected using vacuum trucks and transported to the discharge area. The Hamlet plans to construct a pre-treatment lagoon northwest of the current sewage discharge area. The expansion of the existing sewage treatment facility will effectively service the growing population in Naujaat until 2043.
- The Solid Waste Disposal Facility (SWDF) is located approximately 2.7 kilometres north of the Hamlet. It includes a generic landfill area, a bulky metals disposal area, a hazardous waste storage area and a remediated soil storage area. The Applicant has stated that they plan on expanding or relocating the SWDF in the future and will inform the Nunavut Water Board when concrete plans are available.

In this Amendment and Renewal Application, the Government of Nonuavut, Community and Government Services (GN-CGS) on behalf oh Hamlet of Naujaat (Applicant or Licensee) is requesting the following amendments:

- Approval for the construction of a new single cell pre-treatment sewage lagoon with a storage capacity of 12 months;
- o Approval to replace BOD₅ with Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD₅);
- Changes in effluent criteria limits Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) at monitoring station REP-6;
- o A 10-year extension to the term of the Licence.

II. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On **December 20, 2022,** the Hamlet of Naujaat submitted an amendment and renewal Application

(Application) for the existing Water Licence. The following documents were submitted by the Applicant:

- NPC Conformity Determination
- Application for Water Licence Amendment
- Authorization Letter
- Cover Letter
- CWRS Final report for Naujaat wetland study 24-01-2017
- Environmental Emergency and Spill Contingency Plan
- Environmental Monitoring and QAQC Plan
- Naujaat WWTF Pre-Design Report June 17, 2022 red
- Operation & Maintenance Plan Sewage Naujaat 2022
- Operation & Maintenance Plan Solid Waste Naujaat 2022
- Operation & Maintenance Plan Water Supply Naujaat 2022
- Plan for Compliance 2022
- Summary English
- Summary Inuktitut
- NIRB Screening Decision Report

On **January 3, 2023**, the NWB concluded that the Application generally met the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSRTA* or Act) and forwarded notice of the Application to interested parties. All parties were invited to make representations to the NWB within thirty (31) days by **February 3, 2023**.

Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs (CIRNA) submitted comments on January 10 and January 25, 2023 while Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) submitted comments on February 3, 2023.

The NWB received responses from the Applicant on February 10, 2023 and February 27, 2023.

On March 3, 2023, CIRNA confirmed that they were generally satisfied by the response received from the Applicant, suggesting some additional terms for the renewal Licence.

The NWB has placed in its Public Registry copies of the Application and all comments received from interveners. This information can be accessed on the NWB's FTP site using the following link:

ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3B/3BM%20-%20Municipality/3BM-NAU2333

III. FILE HISTORY

According to information included on the NWB's file transfer protocol (FTP) site, three licences have been issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to the Hamlet of Naujaat (Repulse Bay) in the past for its Municipal undertaking.

- On June 11, 2004, the Board issued Water Licence NWB3REP0409 Type "B" to the Hamlet of Naujaat for the use of 24,000 m³ of Water per year and the deposit of Waste generated by the Hamlet. Licence NWB3REP0409 expired on May 31, 2009, at which time no renewal application had been submitted;
 - On September 27, 2007, the NWB issued an amendment to Licence NWB3REP0409 to accommodate the construction of a new landfarm. Included in the amendment were new monitoring requirements to ensure that the contaminated material was remediated and monitored properly. The landfarm design capacity was for 1,890 m³. On December 5, 2014, GN-CGS provided a procedural explanation/history by email to the Board demonstrating that although a Contaminated Soil Storage Area exists on-site, no landfarm facility had ever been constructed or was even necessary in Repulse Bay.
- On April 09, 2015, the Board issued Water Licence 3BM-REP1520 Type "B" to the Hamlet of Naujaat for the use of 60,000 m³ of Water per year and the deposit of Waste generated by the Hamlet. Licence 3BM-REP1520 expired on April 08, 2020, at which time no renewal application had been submitted.
- On January 27, 2021 the Board issued Water Licence 3BM-NAU2126 Type "B" to the Hamlet of Naujaat for the use of 60,000 m³ of Water per year, at a maximum rate of 299 cubic metres per day, and the deposit of Waste generated by the Hamlet. The expiry of this Licence is on January 26, 2026.

IV. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

The following sections provide background information relevant to the terms and conditions included in this Licence, in the context of submissions received and/or the Board's rationale.

Term of the Licence

In accordance with s. 45 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (*NWNSRTA* or Act), the NWB may issue a licence for a term not exceeding twenty-five (25) years. In determining an appropriate term for a renewal licence, the Board generally takes into consideration several factors including nterveners' comments, the Licensee's compliance history, as well as the rationale contained in the application.

The Licensee requested in its Application, a ten (10) year renewal (or seven year extension from current expiry date) for the licence. The Interveners in their submissions did not comment on the term requested for the renewal licence. The Board, in examining the compliance history of the licensee, and taking into account future upgrades on infrastructure felt that an extension of 7 year from 2026 was appropriate. The Board has therefore granted the term requested by the Licensee. In so doing, the Board believes and expects that the **ten-year term** will provide the Licensee with

significant opportunities to consistently abide by the terms and conditions in the Licence over time and provide ongoing compliance record prior to a need for renewal.

Annual Reports

Under Part B, Item 1 of the Licence, the Licensee is required to submit Annual Reports for the purpose of ensuring that the NWB has an accurate annual update of municipal activities related to Water use and deposit of Waste during each calendar year. This information is maintained on the Public Registry and is available to interested parties upon request. A "Standardized Form for Annual Reporting" is to be used by the Licensee and is available from the NWB FTP site under the Public Registry link at the NWB Website:

ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/other documents/Standardized Forms/

Water Supply Facility

The Hamlet obtains its freshwater from the Nuviq Luktujuq Lake. The new water treatment plant (WTP) has been in operation since it was completed in December 2016. Potable water is withdrawn from the Nuviq Luktujuq Lake through the intake pump of the new intake pump house (IPH). It is then chlorinated before being delivered to the residents by water trucks operated by the Hamlet.

Sewage Disposal Facility

The Sewage Disposal Facility (SDF) consists of a truck offload discharge area where the sewage is discharged and directed through a series of wetlands and surface water bodies before being discharged into Hudson Bay. All raw sewage generated by the community is collected using vacuum trucks and transported to the discharge area.

Through this amendment, the Hamlet is seeking approval to construct a pre-treatment lagoon northwest of the current sewage discharge area. The pre-design report on the sewage lagoon was completed in 2022. The treatment facility will be designed with a new upstream primary lagoon cell that is impermeable. The existing downstream natural depression that is acting as the current lagoon will become a secondary treatment cell, and the existing downstream wetland-treatment-area (WTA) will remain in use.

Seasonal effluent pump out of sewage lagoon to the secondary cell and WTA is to occur late in the summer season to allow spring freshet to pass and to allow the wetland to promote its ability to support effluent biodegradation. The lagoon discharge point will be by controlled manual pump out into the secondary cell that will then exfiltrate into the WTA which will remain at the same location. The decant system will be designed with a flowrate below 2,500 m³/day to ensure effluent has sufficient residency time in the WTA. As a response to questions and recommendations from Interveners, the Applicant committed to update the Operations and

Maintenance (O&M) Plan for Sewage Disposal Facilities prior to the commissioning of the new lagoon. The Licence includes a requirement for the submission of an updated O&M Plan for Sewage Disposal Facilities at least 60 days prior to the commissioning of the new Sewage Disposal Facility.

The Applicant is also seeking for amendments to Effluent discharge criteria from the Sewage Disposal Facility at Monitoring Program Station REP-6. It was stated that CGS retained Dillon Consulting Limited to develop the Pre-Design Report for the upgrade of the current sewage facility in the Hamlet of Naujaat. This study projected the flow and loadings based on the population growth, proposed the treated effluent goals and standards, reviewed, and selected the most suitable location and treatment technologies, sized the lagoon system, and developed a conceptual schematic design. The treatment goals for the lagoon-wetland effluent criteria, at the end of the treatment process, were established as 100, 120, and 1.25 mg/L for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand, total suspended solids, and un-ionized ammonia as nitrogen, respectively, to protect the final receiving environment. These effluent criteria are based on 6 years of research completed by the Centre for Water Resources Studies at Dalhousie University directly in Naujaat and across Nunavut. These effluent quality limits are technology based (ie. what a lagoon and wetland system is capable of realistically achieving), along with confirming that effluent of this quality would not have a negative impact on the receiving environment.

The Board notes, that Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommended to add a effluent quality limit for the Oil and Grease parameter, expressing no concern with suggested amendments. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNA) recommended that regular collections of samples under the current monitoring program be completed prior to any changes to the criteria.

While the Board has agreed with proposed amendments the Board notes that based on the performance of new Sewage Disposal Facility further modifications to the monitoring program may be made in the future.

Solid Waste Disposal Facility

The Hamlet of Naujaat Solid Waste Disposal Facility consists of four main components: A landfill, a waste diversion area consisting of a wood pile, a bulk metals disposal area and a hazardous waste storage area. The Solid Waste Disposal Facility is unchanged since the last renewal.

The current facility is over capacity and the Applicant has stated that they are in the process of identifying potential locations for a new facility. Information regarding the new facility is not available at this time. The NWB notes the CIRNA Inspectors Report, dated August 01, 2019, states that the south berm of the landfill has been breached and is in need of repair. The Report commends the community for segregating hazardous waste and requested the Hamlet to upgrade the battery storage area to avoid possible leaching into the environment.

The CIRNA Inspectors Report, dated October 29, 2021, requests the Hamlet to submit a plan showing how they will repair the breached south berm at the landfill and maintain the battery

storage area. This plan shall include a brief summary of work and completion date. Due to large amounts of contaminated soil stored in the community the Inspector recommends that the Hamlet and local organization explore options for soil remediation options within the community. The report also recommends that the Hamlet work with the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment, Environmental Protection Officers to ensure contaminated soil is disposed of appropriately moving forward. The NWB advises the Licensee that the Inspector concerns and recommendations should be addressed asap.

Operation & Maintenance Plans

The Applicant has submitted the following Management Plans with the Application;

- Operation & Maintenance Plan for Naujaat Municipal Water Licence: Solid Waste Disposal Facilities 2022;
 - Will be updated to include ECCC's recommendations within 30 days of issuance of Licence
- Operation & Maintenance Plan for Naujaat Municipal Water Licence: Sewage Disposal Facilities 2022;
- Operation & Maintenance Plan for Naujaat Municipal Water Licence: Water Supply Facilities 2022:
- Hamlet of Naujaat, Environmental Emergency Contingency Plan;
- Hamlet of Naujaat, Environmental Monitoring Program and Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan.

The Board notes CIRNA's recommendation that the submitted plans be reviewed in a separate process by interested parties before they are approved by the Board and implemented by the Licensee. Therefore, the NWB has included terms and conditions under Part F of the Licence for the Licensee to submit the Management Plans subsequent to the issuance of Licence to include any updates the Licensee may consider at that stage. If no updates are required, the Licensee will advise the Board that current plans are unchanged.

Closure and Reclamation Plan

The Applicant plans to build new solid waste disposal facility in the community. In the Application, the Applicant has stated that they do not plan on decommissioning the existing landfill. The Feasibility studies for a new landfill are to be done in the near future.

The Board notes that the Applicant requested to move the following licence terms, stating that "those activities will be completed by the federal contaminated sites department".

Part G, Item 4 which read "In order to promote growth of vegetation and the needed microclimate for seed deposition, all disturbed surfaces shall be prepared by ripping, grading, or scarifying the surface to conform to the natural topography."

Part G, Item 5 which read "Areas that have been contaminated by hydrocarbons shall be reclaimed to meet objectives as outlined in the Government of Nunavut's Environmental Guideline for Site Remediation, January 2002. The use of reclaimed soils for the purpose of back fill or general site grading may be carried out only upon consultation and approval by the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment and an Inspector."

The NWB is not sure how areas impacted by hydrocarbon spills will become federally management contaminated sites. The Licensee is responsible for the clean-up and reclamation of areas or soils caused by any spills, including hydrocarbon spill within the municipal boundaries. Therefore, the Board believes that these terms should remain within the Licence.

General terms and conditions have been included under Part G in the Licence, requiring the Licensee to submit a Closure and Reclamation Plan at least six (6) months prior to decommissioning any facility under the scope of this renewal Licence.

Monitoring Plan

Under Part H, Item 1, the Board has reaffirmed the monitoring locations and added additional locations. The new locations include the truck discharge (annual), Effluent from lagoon to wetlands (monthly) and at the end of the wetlands (monthly).

The Licensee is required to seek approval and/or confirmation from the Board prior to making any changes to the monitoring program. It should also be noted that additional sampling may be required upon request by the Board or the Inspector.

WATER BOOK

NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

WATER LICENCE

Licence No: 3BM-NAU2333

Pursuant to the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act and the Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to

HAMLET OF NAUJAAT

(Licensee)

P.O. BOX 10, NAUJAAT, NUNAVUT X0C 0H0

(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water or dispose of waste for a period subject to restrictions and conditions contained within this Licence renewal:

Licence Number/Type: 3BM-NAU2333 TYPE "B"

Water Management Area: **REPULSE BAY WATERSHED (18)**

Location: KIVALLIQ REGION, NUNAVUT

Classification: MUNICIPAL UNDERTAKING

Purpose: DIRECT USE OF WATER AND DEPOSIT OF WASTE

Quantity of Water use not

to Exceed:

60,000 CUBIC METRES PER ANNUM AT MAXIMUM RATE

OF 299 CUBIC METRES PER DAY

Effective Date: MARCH 08, 2023

Expiry of Licence: MARCH 07, 2033

This Licence renewal, issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

Lootie Toomasie,

Nunavut Water Board, Chair

PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

1. Scope

This Licence allows for the use of Water and the deposit of Waste for a Municipal undertaking classified as per Schedule 1 of the *Regulations* at the Hamlet of Naujaat (Repulse Bay), located within the Kivalliq Region of Nunavut.

- a. This Licence is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of water and the depositing of waste of any type in any waters or in any place under any conditions where such waste or any other waste that results from the deposits of such waste may enter any waters. Whenever new Regulations are made or existing *Regulations* are amended by the Governor in Council under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, or other statutes imposing more stringent conditions relating to the quantity or type of waste that may be so deposited or under which any such waste may be so deposited, this Licence shall be deemed, upon promulgation of such Regulations, to be subject to such requirements; and
- b. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all applicable Federal, Territorial and Municipal legislation.

2. Definitions

- "Act" means the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act;
- "Addendum" means the supplemental text that is added to a full plan or report usually included at the end of the document and is not intended to require a full resubmission of the revised report;
- "<u>Amendment</u>" means a change to original terms and conditions of this Licence requiring correction, addition or deletion of specific terms and conditions of the Licence; modifications inconsistent with the terms of the set terms and conditions of the Licence;
- "<u>Appurtenant Undertaking</u>" means an undertaking in relation to which a use of water or a deposit of waste is permitted by a licence issued by the Board;
- "Board" means the Nunavut Water Board established under the Nunavut Agreement and the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act;
- "Contaminated Soil Storage Area" means the engineered storage area built in 2005 to store contaminated material;

- "<u>Effluent</u>" means treated or untreated liquid waste material that is discharged into the environment from a structure such as a settling pond, lagoon (including wetland), landfill or a treatment plant;
- "Engineer" means a professional engineer registered to practice in Nunavut in accordance with the Consolidation of Engineers and Geoscientists Act S. Nu 2008, c.2d the Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act S.N.W.T. 2006, c.16 Amended by S.N.W.T. 2009, c.12;
- "<u>Final Discharge Point</u>" in respect of an Effluent means an identifiable discharge point of a facility beyond which the operator of the facility no longer exercises control over the quality of the Effluent, identified as Monitoring Program Station REP-6 in the Licence;
- "<u>Freeboard</u>" means the vertical distance between water line and the designed maximum operating height on the crest of a dam or dyke's upstream slope;
- "Geotechnical Engineer" means a professional engineer registered with the Association of Professional Engineers, Geologist and Geophysicists of Nunavut and whose principal field of specialization with the engineering properties of earth materials in dealing with man-made structures and earthworks that will be built on a site. These can include shallow and deep foundations, retaining walls, dams, and embankments;
- "Grab Sample" means an undiluted quantity of material collected at a particular time and place that may be representative of the total substance being sampled at the time and place it was collected;
- "<u>High Water Mark</u>" means the usual or average level to which a body of water rises at its highest point and remains for sufficient time so as to change the characteristics of the land (ref. Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Operational Statement: Mineral Exploration Activities);
- "Hazardous Waste" means Waste classified as "hazardous" by Nunavut Territorial or Federal legislation, or as "dangerous goods" under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act;
- "Inspector" means an Inspector designated by the Minister under Section 85 (1) of the *Act*;
- "Licensee" means the holder of this Licence;
- "<u>Modification</u>" means an alteration to a physical work that introduces a new structure or eliminates an existing structure and does not alter the purpose or function of the work, but does not include an expansion;

- "<u>Monitoring Program</u>" means a monitoring program established to collect data on surface water and groundwater quality to assess impacts to the freshwater aquatic environment of an appurtenant undertaking;
- "<u>Nunavut Agreement</u>" means the "Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada", including its preamble and schedules, and any amendments to that agreement made pursuant to it;
- "Regulations" means the Nunavut Waters Regulations SOR/2013-69 18th April, 2013;
- "Sewage" means all toilet wastes and greywater;
- "Sewage Disposal Facility" refers to the proposed engineered sewage lagoon and wetland area where sewage will undergo natural treatment before being discharged into Hudson Bay, as described in the document "Naujaat Wastewater Treatment Facility Pre-design Report", dated June 2022 and submitted with the Application for Water Licence amendment/renewal on December 22, 2022;
- "Solid Waste Disposal Facility" means the area comprised of, and the associated structures designed to contain solid waste, as described in the Application for Water Licence renewal filed by the Applicant on September 16, 2020;
- "<u>Spill Contingency Plan</u>" means a Plan developed to deal with unforeseen petroleum and hazardous materials events that may occur during the operations conducted under the Licence;
- "Waste" means, as defined in S.4 of the *Act*, any substance that, by itself or in combination with other substances found in water, would have the effect of altering the quality of any water to which the substance is added to an extent that is detrimental to its use by people or by any animal, fish or plant, or any water that would have that effect because of the quantity or concentration of the substances contained in it or because it has been treated or changed, by heat or other means;
- "<u>Waste Disposal Facilities</u>" means all facilities designated for the disposal of Waste, and includes the Sewage Disposal Facility and Solid Waste Disposal Facility (including the bulk metal, Hazardous Waste and wood disposal area), as described in the Application for Water Licence renewal submitted on September 16, 2020;
- "Water" or "Waters" means waters as defined in section 4 of the Act;
- "<u>Water Supply Facility</u>" means all facilities designated for the withdrawal, treatment and supply of water in the community; and

"Wetland Treatment Area" means the area that covers approximately 36,000 m², characterized by various willows, fireweed, carex, grasses and mosses and upland areas characterized by mosses, white heather, mountain avens, and lichen which treats sewage wastewater before discharging into Hudson Bay as described in the document "Wetland Treatment Area Study in Naujaat" dated January 17, 2017 and submitted with the Application for Water Licence amendment/renewal on December 22, 2022.

3. Enforcement

- a. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the *Act*, subjecting the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the *Act*;
- b. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the *Act*; and
- c. For the purpose of enforcing this Licence and with respect to the use of water and deposit or discharge of waste by the Licensee, Inspectors appointed under the *Act*, hold all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the *Act* or by other applicable law.

PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS

- 1. The Licensee shall file an Annual Report on the Appurtenant Undertaking with the Board no later than March 31st of the year following the calendar year being reported, containing the following information:
 - a. Tabular summaries of all data generated under the "Monitoring Program";
 - b. The monthly and annual quantities in cubic metres of fresh Water obtained at the Water Supply Facility and/or for all purposes under the licence;
 - c. The monthly and annual quantities in cubic metres of sewage Waste discharged; and the monthly and yearly quantities of every type of Waste accepted at the Solid Waste Disposal Facility;
 - d. Summary of modifications and/or major maintenance work carried out on the Water Supply Facility and Waste Disposal Facilities, including all associated structures;
 - e. A list of unauthorized discharges and summary of follow-up action taken;
 - f. A summary of any abandonment and restoration work completed during the year and an outline of any work anticipated for the next year;
 - g. Any Addendum with updates or revisions for manuals and plans (including *Operations and Maintenance Manuals/Plans*) as required by changes in operation and/or technology;

- h. A summary of any studies or reports requested by the Board that relate to the use of Water and Waste disposal or restoration, and a brief description of any future studies planned;
- i. A summary of any inspections completed by federal or territorial authorities, geotechnical or municipal engineers, on undertakings related to Waste disposal, Water use or reclamation activities; and
- j. Any other details on Water or Waste deposit requested by the Board by November 1 of the year being reported.
- 2. The Licensee shall comply with the "Monitoring Program" described in this Licence, and any amendments to the "Monitoring Program" as may be made from time to time, pursuant to the conditions of this Licence.
- 3. The "Monitoring Program" and compliance dates specified in the Licence may be modified at the discretion of the Board in writing.
- 4. The Licence shall post signs to identify the Water Intake / Water Supply Facility, Sewage and Waste Disposal Facilities. All signage postings shall be in the Official Languages of Nunavut, and shall be located and maintained to the satisfaction of the Inspector.
- 5. The Licensee shall notify the NWB of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with this Project at least thirty (30) days prior to any such change.
- 6. The Licensee shall install flow meters or other such devices, or implement other such methods as approved by the Board in writing, for the measuring of Water volumes as required under Part H of this Licence.
- 7. The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, include a proposed timetable for implementation. Plans submitted, cannot be undertaken without subsequent written Board approval and direction. The Board may alter or modify a Plan if necessary to achieve the legislative objectives and will notify the Licensee in writing of acceptance, rejection or alteration of the Plan.
- 8. The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, implement the Plan as approved by the Board in writing.
- 9. The Licensee shall review the Plans referred to in this Licence, as required by changes in operation and/or technology, and modify the Plan accordingly. Revisions to the Plans shall be submitted in the form of an Addendum to be included with the Annual Report.
- 10. Every Plan to be carried out pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Licence shall become a part of this Licence, and any additional terms and condition imposed upon approval of a Plan by the Board become part of this Licence. All terms and conditions of the Licence should be contemplated in the development of a Plan where appropriate.

11. The Licensee shall ensure a copy of this Licence is maintained at the Municipal Office at all times. Any communication with respect to this Licence and any notice provided to an Inspector, shall be made in writing to the attention of:

Manager of Licensing: (a)

Nunavut Water Board

P.O. Box 119

Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0 Telephone: (867) 360-6338

Fax: (867) 360-6369

Email: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

(b) Inspector Contact:

Manager of Field Operations, CIRNA Nunavut District, Nunavut Region P.O. Box 100 Igaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Telephone: (867) 975-4295

Fax: (867) 979-6445

- 12. The Licensee shall submit one electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board. Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include a detailed executive summary in Inuktitut.
- 13. The Licensee shall ensure that all document(s) and correspondence submitted by the Licensee to the Board are received and acknowledged by the Manager of Licensing.
- 14. This Licence is not assignable except as provided in Section 44 of the Act.

PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE

- 1. The Licensee shall obtain all Water for municipal purposes under this Licence from the Nuvig Luktujug Lake using the Water Supply Facility or as otherwise approved by the Board.
- 2. The annual quantity of Water used for all purposes shall not exceed sixty thousand (60,000) cubic metres, at a maximum daily withdrawal rate that shall not exceed two hundred and ninety-nine (299) cubic metres.
- 3. The Licensee shall equip all Water intake hoses with a screen of appropriate mesh size to ensure that fish are not entrained and shall withdraw Water at a rate such that fish do not become impinged on the screen.

- 4. The Licensee shall maintain the Water Supply Facility to the satisfaction of the Inspector.
- 5. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary High-Water Mark of any water body unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
- 6. The Licensee shall not cause erosion to the banks of any water body and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
- 7. The Licensee shall implement sediment and erosion control measures, prior to and during operations, to prevent entry of sediment into Water.

PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL

- 1. The Licensee shall direct all Sewage to the Sewage Disposal Facility or as otherwise approved by the Board.
- 2. The Licensee shall provide a minimum of ten (10) days' notice to an Inspector prior to initiating any decant of the Sewage Disposal Facility.
- 3. All Effluent discharged from the Sewage Disposal Facility at Monitoring Program Station REP-6 shall be measured for the parameters listed under this Licence and shall not exceed the following Effluent quality limits:

| Parameter | Maximum Concentration of Any Grab Sample |
|------------------------|--|
| pH | between 6 and 9 |
| CBOD ₅ | 100 mg/L |
| Total Suspended Solids | 120 mg/L |
| Fecal Coliforms | 1 x 10 ⁶ CFU/100mL |
| Oil and grease | 5 mg/l and No visible sheen |

- 4. The Licensee shall maintain at all times, a Freeboard of at least 1.0 metre, or as recommended by a qualified Geotechnical Engineer and as approved by the Board in writing, for all dams, dykes or other structures intended to contain, withhold, divert or retain Water or Waste.
- 5. The Sewage Disposal Facility shall be maintained and operated, to the satisfaction of an Inspector and in such a manner as to prevent structural failure.
- 6. The Licensee shall manage all solid Waste disposed of at the Solid Waste Disposal Facility in accordance with acceptable standard and practices.

- 7. The Licensee shall not open burn plastics, wood treated with preservatives, electric wire, Styrofoam, asbestos or painted wood to prevent the deposition of waste materials of incomplete combustion and/or leachate from contaminated ash residual, from impacting any surrounding waters, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
- 8. The Licensee shall dispose of all Solid Wastes in such a manner as to prevent the deposition of such waste in to water.
- 9. The Licensee shall segregate and store all hazardous materials and/or Hazardous Waste within the Solid Waste Disposal Facility in such a manner as to prevent the deposit of deleterious substances into any Water, until such a time that the materials have been removed for proper disposal at an approved facility.

PART E: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MODIFICATIONS AND CONSTRUCTION

- 1. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for review, for-construction design drawings stamped by a qualified Engineer, sixty (60) days prior to the construction of any dams, dykes or structures intended to contain, withhold, divert or retain Water or Waste.
- 2. The Licensee may, without written approval from the Board, carry out modifications to the Water Supply Facility and Waste Disposal Facilities provided that such modifications are consistent with the terms of this Licence and the following requirements are met:
 - a. the Licensee has notified the Board in writing of such proposed modifications at least sixty (60) days prior to beginning the modifications;
 - b. these modifications do not place the Licensee in contravention of the Licence or the Act;
 - c. the Board has not, during the sixty (60) days following notification of the proposed modifications, informed the Licensee that review of the proposal will require more than sixty (60) days; and
 - d. the Board has not rejected the proposed modifications.
- 3. Modifications for which all of the conditions referred to in Part E, Item 2, have not been met may be carried out only with written approval from the Board.
- 4. The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days of completion of Modification or construction of facilities and/or infrastructure associated with the Project, submit to the Board for review a Construction Summary Report along with stamped as-built plans and drawings, providing explanation to reflect any deviations from for construction drawings taking into account construction and field decisions and how they may affect the performance of engineered facilities.

- 5. All activities shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize impacts on surface drainage and the Licensee shall immediately undertake any corrective measures in the event of any impacts on surface drainage.
- 6. The Licensee shall implement and maintain sediment and erosion control measures prior to and during activities carried out under this Part, to prevent the release of sediment and minimize erosion.
- 7. With respect to earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into or onto any Water body is prohibited. These materials shall be disposed of at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High-Water Mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the Water.
- 8. The Licensee shall only use material that is free of contaminants, for construction, operation, and maintenance activities and that is obtained from approved sources, demonstrated not to be potentially acid generating and metal leaching.

PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- 1. The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days of issuance of the Licence, submit to the Board for approval in writing, an Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Water Supply Facility.
- 2. The Licensee shall, within sixty (60) days of commissioning the Sewage Disposal Facility, submit to the Board for approval in writing, an Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Sewage Disposal Facility to address technical review comments raised during the review of Application. The Plan shall include a sludge management section containing operating procedures, de-sludging schedule, sludge volume, monitoring methodology and treatment/disposal options for excavated sludge
- 3. The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days of issuance of the Licence, submit to the Board for approval in writing, an Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Solid Waste Disposal Facility prepared in accordance with the "Guidelines for the Preparation of an Operation and Maintenance Manual for Sewage and Solid Waste Disposal Facilities in the Northwest Territories" (1996), providing amongst others definitive objectives for building new or upgrading existing solid Waste management infrastructure
- 4. The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days of issuance of the Licence, submit to the Board for approval in writing, a Spill Contingency Plan that addresses all Water Supply, Sewage and Solid Waste Disposal Facilities / operations, including Hazardous materials, in the event of a spill.
- 5. An inspection of all engineered facilities related to the management of Water and Waste shall be carried by an Engineer (Civil, Municipal or Geotechnical) annually or before

- commissioning any facility. The Engineer's report shall be submitted to the Board within sixty (60) days of the inspection, including a Cover Letter from the Licensee outlining an implementation plan addressing each of the Engineer's recommendations.
- 6. The Licensee shall perform more frequent inspections of the engineered facilities at the request of an Inspector.
- 7. The Licensee shall, during the term of this Licence, undertake the following activities in addition to any other required action should an unauthorized discharge of waste occur or if such a discharge is foreseeable:
 - a. Employ the appropriate contingency measures as approved under the Spill Contingency Plan for the Hamlet of Naujaat;
 - b. Report the incident immediately via the NWT/NU 24-Hour Spill Reporting Line at (867) 920-8130 and to the Inspector at (867) 975-4295; and
 - c. Submit to the Inspector, a detailed report on each occurrence, not later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event, that provides the necessary information on the location (including the GPS coordinates), initial response action, remediation/clean-up, status of response (ongoing, complete), proposed disposal options for dealing with contaminated materials and preventative measures to be implemented.
- 8. The Licensee shall, in addition to Part F, Item 8, regardless of the quantity of releases of harmful substances, report to the NWT/NU 24-Hour Spill Reporting Line if the release is near or into a Water body.

PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION

- 1. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval an *Abandonment, Restoration and Closure Plan* at least six (6) months prior to abandoning any facilities or upon submission of the final design drawings for the construction of new facilities to replace existing ones. Where applicable, the Plan shall include information on the following:
 - a. water intake facility;
 - b. the water treatment and waste disposal sites and facilities;
 - c. petroleum and chemical storage areas;
 - d. any site affected by waste spills;
 - e. leachate prevention;
 - f. an implementation schedule;
 - g. maps delineating all disturbed areas, and site facilities;
 - h. consideration of altered drainage patterns;
 - i. type and source of cover materials;
 - j. future area use;

- k. hazardous wastes; and
- l. a proposal identifying measures by which restoration costs will be financed by the Licensee upon abandonment.
- 2. The Licensee shall complete all restoration work within the time schedule specified in the Plan, or as subsequently revised and approved by the Board.
- 3. The Licensee shall carry out progressive reclamation of any components of the Project no longer required for the Licensee's operations.
- 4. Areas that have been contaminated by hydrocarbons shall be reclaimed to meet objectives as outlined in the Government of Nunavut's Environmental Guideline for Site Remediation, January 2002. The use of reclaimed soils for the purpose of back fill or general site grading may be carried out only upon consultation and approval by the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment and an Inspector.
- 5. The Licensee shall, within six (6) months of Licence issuance submit to the Board for review, a Closure and Reclamation Report for the old Solid Waste Site used prior to 2002. This report is to be stamped by an Engineer and describe the history of the site and its decommissioning, and also the Engineer's assessment of whether further reclamation is required at the site to mitigate the possibility of contamination to surrounding freshwater systems.

PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MONITORING PROGRAM

1. The Licensee shall maintain Monitoring Program Stations at the following locations:

| Monitoring Program Station Identification | Description | Frequency | Status |
|---|--|--|---------------------|
| REP-1 | Raw Water source intake | Daily, Monthly and | Active |
| KEF-1 | at Nuviq Luktujuq Lake | Annually | (Volume) |
| REP-2 | Runoff from the Solid Waste Disposal Facility culvert as noted in Interim Solid Waste Management Plan (2006) | Monthly and when run- off is observed | Active (Quality) |
| REP-2A | Runoff from the Solid Waste Disposal Facility boulder seepage as noted | Monthly and when run- off is observed | Active (Quality) |

| Monitoring Program Station Identification | Description | Frequency | Status |
|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| | in Interim Solid Waste Management Plan (2006) | | |
| REP-3 | Raw Wastewater at truck offload point (current offload point) | Daily, Monthly and Annually | Active (Volume) |
| REP-3A | Raw Wastewater at truck offload point (new offload point to commence after construction of sewage lagoon) | Daily, Monthly and Annually | Active (Volume) |
| REP-4 | Pump discharge point from sewage lagoon (to commence after construction of sewage lagoon) | Monthly or once in the beginning, once in the middle and once near the end of the season (when flow is observed) | Active (Quality and volume) |
| REP-4A | Spillway discharge point (to commence after construction of sewage lagoon) | Monthly or once in the beginning, once in the middle and once near the end of the season (when flow is observed) | Active (Quality and volume) |
| REP-5 | Effluent discharge and run-off from the Contaminated Soil Storage Area (controlled discharge) | Monthly and when run- off is observed | Active (Quality) |
| REP-6 | Final discharge from Wetland Area into Hudson Bay | Monthly or once in the beginning, once in the middle and once near the end of the season (when flow is observed) | Active (Quality) |

2. The Licensee shall measure and record, in cubic metres, the daily, monthly and annual quantities of water pumped at Monitoring Program Station REP-1, for all purposes.

- 3. The Licensee shall sample for water quality at Monitoring Program Stations REP-2, REP-2A and REP-5, once per month in June, July and August during periods of observed flow. Samples shall be analyzed for the parameters listed in Part H, Item 8, as well as Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons.
- 4. The Licensee shall measure and record in cubic metres, the monthly and annual quantities of Effluent discharged from Monitoring Program Station REP-3 and REP-3A.
- 5. The Licensee shall, upon commissioning of the sewage lagoon, measure and record in cubic metres, the monthly and annual quantities of Effluent discharged from Monitoring Program Station REP-4 and REP-4A.
- 6. The Licensee shall, when discharge is observed to be occurring over the sewage lagoon spillway, sample at Monitoring Program Station REP-4A and notify the Inspector immediately of the release.
- 7. The Licensee shall sample at Monitoring Program Station REP-6, monthly, or a minimum of three (3) times annually, once within two weeks of commencing discharge at REP-4 or REP-4A, once half-way through discharge and once within two weeks following the end of discharge.
- 8. Samples obtained at Monitoring Program Station REP-6 shall be in compliance with Effluent criteria as established under Part D, Item 3.
- 9. The Licensee shall sample at Monitoring Program Stations REP-2, REP-2A, REP-4, REP-4A, REP-5 and REP-6 according to the frequency established under Part H, Item 1, during periods of observed flow. Samples shall be analyzed for the following parameters:

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD₅) Fecal Coliforms

Total Suspended Solids pH

Conductivity Nitrate-Nitrite
Oil and Grease Magnesium

Calcium

Sodium Potassium Chloride Sulphate

Total Hardness Total Alkalinity
Ammonia Nitrogen Total Zinc
Total Cadmium Total Iron

Total CobaltTotal ManganeseTotal ChromiumTotal NickelTotal CopperTotal LeadTotal AluminumTotal Arsenic

Total Mercury Total Organic Carbon (TOC)

- 10. All sampling, sample preservation and analyses shall be conducted in accordance with methods prescribed in the current edition of *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, or by such other methods approved by the Board.
- 11. All analyses shall be performed in a laboratory accredited according to ISO/IEC Standard 17025. The accreditation shall be current and in good standing.
- 12. The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the Licence, submit to the Board for review, a Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan based on the guidance document Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) Guidelines For Use by Class "B" Licensees in Collecting Representative Water Samples in the Field and for Submission of a QAQC Plan, INAC (1996). The Plan shall include a covering letter from an accredited laboratory confirming acceptance of the Plan for the monitoring and analyses to be performed under the Licence.
- 13. The Licensee shall include all of the data and information required by the "Monitoring Program" complete with an interpretation and discussion of the results, in the Licensee's Annual Report, as required *per* Part B, Item 1, or as requested by an Inspector.
- 14. The Licence shall post signs to identify the Monitoring Program Stations, Water Intake/ Water Supply Facility, Sewage and Waste Disposal Facilities. All signage postings shall be in the Official Languages of Nunavut, and shall be located and maintained to the satisfaction of the Inspector.
- 15. Modifications to the Monitoring Program may be made only upon written approval from the NWB.
- 16. Additional monitoring stations, sampling and analyses may be requested by an Inspector.