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File No. 3BM-PAN1417 / Renewal – Amendment

May 17, 2017

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Subject: Licence No. 3BM-PAN1417 – Submission of Renewal Amendment Application

Dear Mr. Roy:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) acknowledges receipt, from the Government of Nunavut – Community and Government Services (GN-CG&S), on Behalf of the Hamlet of the Pangnirtung, an application and supporting information (Application) to renew and amend Type “B” Water Licence No. 3BM-PAN1417. The Application, which was provided under multiple submissions, includes the following documents:

April 4, 2017 Submission

- Authorization Letter from the Hamlet of Pangnirtung, March 16, 2017;
- NIRB Screening Decision Report, March 17, 2017;
- NIRB Screening Decision Cover Letter, March 17, 2017;
- NIRB Notice of Assessment, March 17, 2017;
- Application Cover Letter, March 20, 2017;
- Project Summary (English);
- Project Summary (Inuktitut);
- Nunavut Planning Commission, Land Use Conformity Determination, November 22, 2016;
- Completed Type “A” Water Licence Application Form;

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- Mechanical & Electrical Operation & Maintenance Manual, Pangnirtung Truck Fill Station, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, September 2016;
- Spill Contingency Plan, Hamlet of Pangnirtung, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, October 31, 2016;
- WWTP Bypass Contingency Plan; Hamlet of Pangnirtung, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, October 31, 2016;
- Application Cover Letter, March 20, 2017 and Accompanying Water Licence Application Form, March 20, 2017;
- Fish Process Plant Waste Management Plan, Hamlet of Pangnirtung, Pangnirtung, Nunavut, April 2017; and
- Solid Waste Operation and Maintenance Plan, June 2014;
- Water Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Manuals:
 - Pangnirtung Waste Water Treatment Plant Documentation O&M;
 - Electrical Instruction Manual;
 - GE MBR O& M Manual, October 2014;
 - Pangnirtung WWTP Process Operation Manual, February 2015; and
- Application Cover Letter, March 20, 2017.

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- Operation and Maintenance Plan for Solid Water Facilities, May 2017;
- Pangnirtung Fish Waste Lagoon Decommissioning Plan; and
- GN-CGS Response to NWB's.

Copies of all information received in support of the Application can be accessed from the NWB's FTP site using the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/3%20MUNICIPAL/3B/3BM%20-%20Municipality/3BM-PAN1417/>

Following receipt and an initial preliminary review of the Application in which additional information was requested and received, the NWB confirms that the Application is for a Type "A" water licence as the proposed water withdrawal rate and storage volume, based on Schedule 2 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, exceed the threshold for consideration for a Type "B" water licence. Pursuant with section 52 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSRTA or Act), an application for a Type "A" water licence requires a public hearing, which will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearing*, May 11, 2005 (NWB Rules).

The next step in processing your Application involves a completeness review and an initial technical assessment to determine if all of the necessary information and studies required to evaluate the quantitative and qualitative effects of the undertaking on the freshwater environment have been provided.

By copy of this letter, the NWB requests that interested parties review the documents submitted for completeness as well as conduct an initial technical assessment to identify any Information Request (IRs) that the reviewing parties believe must be filed, in the context of their respective mandates, to facilitate any forthcoming, full technical review of the Application.

All submissions pertaining to completeness and initial technical assessment of the application, including any Information Requests (IRs), should be submitted to the Manager of Licensing by email to licensing@nwb-oen.ca, no later than 3:00 P.M. MST, June 6, 2017.

Following receipt of comments and/or recommendations from interested parties and the provision of respective responses from the Applicant, the NWB will issue notice of the Application pursuant to section 55(1) of the Act, which will also include details regarding the next step(s) of the licensing process for the application.

The NWB notes that the Application included pre-licensing information with respect to land use planning and environmental assessment. The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) confirmed¹ that the proposed undertaking falls outside the boundaries of the two approved land use plans currently administered by the NPC while the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) determined² that a review of the Project Proposal is not required in accordance with section 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA). Consequently, the NWB deems that the relevant pre-licensing requirements for its process, based on Article 12 of the Nunavut Agreement, have been met.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or procedural matters related to the file, please contact the NWB's Licensing department by-mail to licensing@nwb-oen.ca or by phone at (867)-360-6338. For technical matters, please contact Sean Joseph, Senior Technical Advisor by email at sean.joseph@nwb-oen.ca or David Hohnstein, Director of Technical Services by e-mail to david.hohnstein@nwb-oen.ca.

Parties should note that the NWB intends to issue a copy of the Inuktitut version of this correspondence subsequently.

Sincerely,

Karén Kharatyan
Acting Manager of Licensing

Cc: Distribution List – Qikiqtani

¹ Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination, November 22, 2016.

² Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screening Decision Report, March 17, 2017.