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May 2, 2008

File No.: 3BC-NAP----

Mr. Bobby Suluk
Co-ordinator, Regional Planning
Nunavut Planning Commission
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Dear Mr. Suluk:

Further to your fax of April 30, 2008 requesting that the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) issue a file number for the Henek Lake Adventures Ltd. water license application, I wish to draw your attention to Section 11.5.10 of the NLCA which states: "The NPC shall review all applications for project proposals. Upon receipt and review of a project proposal, the NPC or members thereof or officers reporting to the NPC shall: a) determine whether the project proposals are in conformity with plans; and b) forward the project proposals with its determination and any recommendations to the appropriate federal and territorial agencies. The land use plan may make provision for the NPC to approve minor variances."

It is the NWB understanding of this section that all project proposals (and subsequent applications that make up those proposals) are to be forwarded directly to the NPC for conformity prior to an agency beginning work, including assignment of file numbers. We believe this is done so as to eliminate the expenditure of resources, be they human or financial, in the event that a proposal does not conform to the relevant plan.

Accordingly, NWB is requesting that NPC conduct its conformity assessment as per the NLCA prior to referring to the NWB for processing. We recognize that this is not how things have been done to date, but we also recognize that to date we have been processing applications in violation of the NLCA process and we wish to correct this at this time.

In this particular instance, and to provide assistance, we have assessed the information provided by your office and assigned it the file number of 3BC-NAP----, and identified it as the Napajut Lake Project.

If you require further clarification or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

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