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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD  
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**File No. 8AC-ALT1929**

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By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

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**Subject: Water Licence No. 8AC-ALT1929; Department of National Defence, New Type  
“A” Water Licence for the Canadian Forces Station – Alert Project**

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Dear Honourable Minister Bennett:

Please find attached the copy of a new Type “A” Water Licence No. 8AC-ALT1929 (the “Licence”), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to the Department of National Defence (DND) for a military and research Undertaking classified as “Other,” in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence permits the water use and waster deposit.

In its decision to issue the Licence and consistent with the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)*, the Board considered the outcome of its review process as well as the determinations made by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) with respect to the undertaking. The NPC in its February 22, 2016, correspondence<sup>1</sup>, confirmed that the project proposed by the DND conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP), and that the project proposal required screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under section 12-1 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement)* as amended, because it does not belong to the

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<sup>1</sup> Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination; NPC File # 148184 [Alert Canadian Forces Station Significant Modification of Existing Station: Transfer from Type ‘B’ to Type ‘A’ Water License], February 22, 2016.

class of exempt works or activities set out in this Schedule. On May 16, 2016, the NIRB issued its Screening Decision Report<sup>2</sup> associated with the Application, “recommending that a review of Department of National Defence’s Canadian Forces Station (CFS) Alert Change in Water Licence is not required pursuant to paragraph 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA).”

On the basis of the NPC’s consideration and the NIRB’s screening of the project, the NWB concluded that the land use planning and environmental assessment requirements for the Application under Articles 10-13 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, Part 3 of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), and s. 38 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 10 (NWNSRTA) have been met and the Application could be considered by the Board.

In accordance with s. 56 of the NWNSRTA, the above referenced Licence requires your approval and, as such, the NWB submits the attached Reasons for Decision including the Record of Proceedings along with a copy of the New Type “A” Water Licence, No. 8AC-ALT1929, for your consideration.

Should you have any questions, require clarification with respect to the above or wish to discuss further, please contact the undersigned in writing at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Enclosure: **Licence No. 8AC-ALT1929**

cc. Major Tom Gardner, Department of National Defense  
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Alert Distribution List

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<sup>2</sup> NIRB Screening Decision Report, NIRB File No.: 16DN006 (previously NIRB File No. EX106), May 16, 2016.