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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

File No: 8AC-EUR2331

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By Courier, Email and Regular Mail

Honourable Daniel Vandal, PC, MP
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Subject: Type “A” Water Licence No: 8AC-EUR2331; Environment and Climate Change Canada

Dear Honourable Minister Vandal:

Please find attached a copy of the Type “A” Water Licence No: 8AC-EUR2331 (Licence), duly issued by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) to Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) for an undertaking classified as “Other undertaking¹” in accordance with Schedule 1 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*. This Licence authorizes the continued use of Water and deposit of Waste at the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station (HAWS) and will replace the existing Type “B” Water Licence No: 8BC-EUR2131.

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.

¹ As of April 2013, when the Nunavut Waters Regulations, SOR/2013-69 came into force, a “Other undertaking” under Schedule 1 is defined as “research projects and any undertaking other than an undertaking set out in any of items 1 to 7”.

The NPC, in its December 16, 2022 correspondence², confirmed that the Application conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan. The NPC stated that *activities associated with this proposal were previously reviewed by the NPC, and conformity determinations issued on December 17, 2010, January 6, 2011, April 14, 2016, March 7, 2018, January 22, 2021, February 9, 2021, February 22, 2021, and November 2, 2021 still apply. The project proposal required screening and was referred to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) under Article 12, Section 12.4.3 of the Nunavut Agreement as amended because it is for a component or activity that was not part of the original or previously amended proposal, and its inclusion is a significant modification of the proposal as previously assessed.*

On March 14, 2023, the NIRB issued its Screening Decision Report for the Application³, stating that provided that the Proponent complies with the terms and conditions set out in the NIRB's Screening, the NIRB was of the view that the Application is not likely to cause significant public concerns and result in significant adverse environmental and social impacts. Consequently, the NIRB determined that further assessment via a review of the Application was not required in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (NuPPAA).

In accordance with section 56 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, 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 Water Licence No: 8AC-EUR2331 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,

Lootie Toomasie
Nunavut Water Board, Chair

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Enclosure: **Licence No: 8AC-EUR2331**
Reasons for Decision

cc. Qikiqtani Distribution List

² Correspondence dated December 16, 2022 from G. Djalogue, Nunavut Planning Commission to R. Dwyer, NWB (and others) Re: NPC File # 149859 [Landfarm, solid Waste Non-Hazardous Facility, Water and Sewage Treatment Infrastructure Upgrades, Temporary Camp and Amendment of Water Licence, for the Eureka High Arctic Weather Station].

³ NIRB Screening Decision Report, NIRB FILE No.: 23WA065, March 14, 2023, available from the NIRB's on-line registry via the project dashboard: <https://www.nirb.ca/project/125746> NIRB Doc ID: 343254.