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RE: Submission of Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) Plan, Updated Spill Contingency Plan (SCP), and 2009 Annual Report, Canada Wild Life Service, Environment Canada, Karrak Lake Project, Licence No. 3BC-KAR0812

Dear Mr. Alisauskas:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB” “Board”) received, on May 12, 2010, from Canadian Wildlife Service, Environment Canada, the Plan entitled “Abandonment and Restoration Plan for Karrak Lake Research Station and F-14 Satellite Camp, Nunavut,” dated May 2010. On June 14, 2010, the Board acknowledged receipt and distributed the Plan to interested parties and persons for a thirty-day review period. Comments pertaining to improving the overall functionality of the Plan were received from three intervening parties.¹

An internal review of the Plan, in which interveners’ comments were noted, found it to be consistent with the terms and conditions under Part H, Item 1 in Licence No. 3BC-KAR0812. The NWB has, therefore, approved the Plan under **Motion No. 2010-23-L17**. However, to address the issues raised by the intervening parties, the licensee is required to make the following changes to the Plan and submit, in the form of an addendum, for review by the Board, before March 31, 2011:

- a. Provide information pertaining to progressive reclamation, seasonal and interim closure procedures; and
- b. Include the emergency contact numbers for the following organization: DFO, EC, GN-DOE, INAC’s Manager of Field Operation, KIA, and NWB.

In addition to the above-mentioned document, the NWB reviewed the updated Spill Contingency Plan and the 2009 Annual Report and, which were both received on May 12,

¹ Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA), dated June 29, 2010; Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), dated July 13, 2010; Government of Nunavut, Department of Culture, Language, Elders and Youth (GN-CLEY), dated July 25, 2010

2010, and distributed for public comments on June 14, 2010 and June 15, 2010, respectively. With respect to the Spill Contingency Plan (SCP), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) identified specific issues, which the licensee is required to address. The Licensee was advised of INAC's comments in the cover letter accompanying Amendment No. 1 that was issued on September 12, 2010. Although the review found that the plan is mostly functional, the Board agrees that INAC's recommendations should be incorporated in the SCP. The revised document should be submitted to the Board for review by March 31, 2011. As for the 2009 Annual Report, no comments have been received to date. The review, however, found that the report contains the following deficiencies:

- Part I, Item 2 - The GPS Coordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where sources of water are utilized for all purposes; and
- Part I, Item 3 - The GPS-Coordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where waste associated camp operations are deposited.

The licensee is advised to provide the above-mentioned information, by March 31, 2011, to fulfill the annual reporting requirement in the Licence.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact the undersigned at 867-360-6338 ext. 25 or by email at sjoseph@nunavutwaterboard.org.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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