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Dear Mr. Cheng and Ms. Beaulieu:

RE: Radar Tower Painting – CAM-3

The Assessment and Monitoring Section within Environment Canada (EC) has been made aware of the proposal to repaint a radar tower at the CAM-3 DEWLine Site. The proposal, as outlined in the March 24, 2004 letter to Mr. Sid Bruinsma involves water blasting the tower to remove the majority of the existing lead-based paint. Contingency measures proposed include encapsulating the work area to contain the blast water, which will then be directed to a settling tank where the paint chips will be allowed to settle out. The collected solids will be sent south for disposal at an approved facility, and the remaining water will be filtered and analyzed for lead prior to disposal. Any paint remaining of the radar tower will be considered adhered to the structure and will be encapsulated with the new paint.

Based on the information provided, EC is unsure as to whether this project would require an amendment to the existing Nunavut Water Board (NWB) water license, and recommends that Nasittuq Corp. discuss this with the NWB. Other unresolved issues include details on how the proponent plans to “encapsulate” the work area in order to prevent potentially contaminated surface runoff from the project, and details regarding the volume of water proposed to be discharged. The proponent shall ensure that the discharge of the water does not result in erosion and/or sedimentation of any water bodies. Further, the proponent shall not deposit, nor permit the deposit of any sediment into any water body. According to the Fisheries Act, Section 36(3), the deposition of deleterious substances of any type in water frequented by fish, or in any place under any conditions where the deleterious substance, or any other deleterious substance that results from the deposit of the deleterious substance, may enter any such water, is prohibited.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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