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180417 8BC-BTN---- Distribution Review & Comment Request New Application Concentric Geoscience Inc. Qikiqtani Region-OAAE

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Tue, May 1, 2018 at 2:24 PM

To: Ida Porter <ida.porter@nwb-oen.ca>

Cc: Licensing Department <licensing@nwb-oen.ca>

Hello Ida,

Subject: Concentric Geoscience Inc. – WMC International Limited Bridge to Nowhere – New – Type “B”, Qikiqtani

The proposal has been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to result in serious harm to fish which is prohibited under subsection 35(1) of the Fisheries Act unless authorized. The proposal has also been reviewed to determine whether it is likely to affect listed aquatic species at risk, any part of their critical habitat or the residences of their individuals in a manner which is prohibited under sections 32, 33 and subsection 58(1) of the Species at Risk Act, unless authorized.

Provided that the plans are implemented in the manner, and during the timeframe, described, the Program has determined that the proposal will not result in serious harm to fish or prohibited effects on listed aquatic species at risk.

Thank you,

Amanda Conway

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From: Ida Porter [mailto:ida.porter@nwb-oen.ca]

Sent: April-17-18 3:17 PM

To: Eric Shilts

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Subject: Concentric Geoscience Inc. – WMC International Limited Bridge to Nowhere – New – Type “B”, Qikiqtani

Dear Mr. Shilts:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) provides notice that, on April 16, 2018, a new application for a Type “B” water license for water use associated with exploratory drilling activities within the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut was filed by Concentric Geoscience Inc. on behalf of the City of Iqaluit. By way of this correspondence, the Board invites parties to provide the NWB with their comments with respect to the application as outlined below. The application consists of the following documents:

- Project File Number
- Application and Supporting Documents
- Supplemental Water Supply Report

The application can be obtained from our ftp site at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/8%20MISCELLANEOUS/8B/8BC%20-%20Construction/8BC-BTN----%20The%20Bridge%20to%20Nowhere/>

As noted in the NWB’s earlier correspondence acknowledging receipt of this application, under the Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (Nunavut Agreement) Article 11, Section 11.5.9 and s. 76 (1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the proponent of a project proposal governed by the Nunavut Agreement and NuPPAA that requires a water licence/approval is required to submit a project proposal document directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission). The NPC then reviews the project proposal and makes a determination regarding the applicable land use planning requirements and/or provides direction regarding whether the project proposal is subject to screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB). Under Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the Nunavut Agreement, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSRTA), until the project proposal has concluded the applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence/approval.

On this basis, the NWB, while previously acknowledging the receipt of the application, waited for the Commission’s determination and recommendations before proceeding to the next steps in the NWB’s processing of the application. Please be advised that on January 5, 2018 the NWB received the required determinations and recommendations from the Commission and on March 23, 2018 received the NIRB’s determination in respect of the project proposal associated with the water licence application.

Now that the application has concluded the pre-licensing steps required under the Nunavut Agreement, NuPPAA and the NWNSRTA, the NWB is now proceeding to the next steps in processing the application, including providing the attached Notice of Application which will be published in due course. In addition, to ensure this application is dealt with in a timely fashion, the NWB has forwarded notice of all documentation received by the NWB in respect of the application to regulators and Council of the Municipality(ies) most affected by the project. The NWB is also inviting interested parties to make representations about the application, including information requests, identifying issues of water user compensation and providing technical review comments directly to the NWB within fifteen (15) days from the date of this letter; on or before May 1, 2018.

After the NWB receives and reviews the comments received, the Board may provide additional procedural instructions regarding the next steps in the Board's processing of the application. Please note that throughout the Board's consideration of the application, the NWB retains the right to request additional information and studies, as set out under ss. 48(1)-(3) of the NWNSRTA. If additional information will be requested, the NWB's technical staff will contact the applicant to discuss the Board's request in detail.

If the applicant or parties have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Dave Baines, the Technical Advisor for the file.

Sincerely,

Licence Administrator

Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: Distribution List – Qikiqtani

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