



The NWB strongly recommends that the Licensee consult the comments received from interested persons on issues identified. This information is attached for your consideration.<sup>1</sup>

Sincerely,

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Thomas Kabloona  
Nunavut Water Board  
Chair

TK/sj/ri

Enclosure: **Licence No. 8BD-PIH1719**  
Comments – INAC

Cc: Qikiqtani Distribution List

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<sup>1</sup> Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), November 4, 2016.

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## DECISION

**LICENCE NUMBER: 8BD-PIH1719**

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to an application dated August 24, 2016 for a new Water Licence made by:

### ADVISIAN

to allow for the deposit of waste during a Miscellaneous undertaking that includes drilling, water and sediment quality sampling and other activities related to the Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies – Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development Project, located within the Hamlet of Pond Inlet in the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut, at the following general geographical coordinates

Latitude: 72° 41' 56" N

Longitude: 77° 58' 33" W

Latitude: 72° 41' 48" N

Longitude: 77° 58' 59" W (Project Extents)

### DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project proposal and related modification conform to the North Baffin Regional Use Plan (NBRLUP) and are subject to specific conformity requirements<sup>1</sup> as determined by the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and that reviews are not required in accordance with s. 92(1)(a) of the Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act (NuPPAA)<sup>2</sup> as determined by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB), the NWB decided that the Application could proceed through the regulatory process. In accordance with s. 55.1 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (Act)* and Article 13 of the *NLCA*, public notice of the Application was given and interested persons were invited to make representations to the NWB.

After reviewing the submissions of the Applicant and considering the representations made by interested persons, the NWB, having given due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *NLCA* and of the *Act*, waived the requirement to hold a public hearing, and determined that:

**Licence No. 8BD-PIH1719 be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein. (Motion #: 2016-B1-029)**

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

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Thomas Kabloona  
Nunavut Water Board, Chair

TK/sj/ri

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<sup>1</sup> Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Determination, June 27, 2016 and January 10, 2017

<sup>2</sup> Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Screen Decision Report, August 16, 2016 and February 16, 2017



## NUNAVUT WATER BOARD WATER LICENCE

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### Water Licence No. 8BD-PIH1719

Pursuant to the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to

#### ADVISIAR

(Licensee)

**600 – 4321 STILL CREEK DRIVE, BURNABY, B.C. V5C 6S7**

(Mailing Address)

hereinafter called the Licensee, the right to alter, divert or otherwise use water or dispose of waste for a period subject to restrictions and conditions contained within this Licence:

Licence Number/Type: **8BD-PIH1719, TYPE “B”**

Water Management Area: **ECLIPSE SOUND WATERSHED (# 48)**

Project / Location: **GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL BASELINE STUDIES – POND INLET SMALL CRAFT HARBOUR DEVELOPMENT/ QIKIQTANI REGION, NUNAVUT**

Classification: **MISCELLANEOUS UNDERTAKING**

Purpose: **DEPOSIT OF WASTE**

Quantity of Water use not to Exceed: **USE OF WATER IS PROHIBITED**

Date of Licence Issuance: **MARCH 17, 2017**

Expiry of Licence: **MARCH 16, 2019**

This Licence, issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, Nunavut, includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

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**Thomas Kabloona,  
Nunavut Water Board, Chair**

## **PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS AND ENFORCEMENT**

### **1. Scope**

This Licence allows for the deposit of waste for a Miscellaneous undertaking classified as per Schedule 1 of the *Regulations* at the Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies – Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development Project, located within the municipal boundaries of the Hamlet of Pond Inlet, in the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut.

- a. This Licence is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of waters and the depositing of waste of any type in any waters or in any place under any conditions where such waste or any other waste that results from the deposits of such waste may enter any waters. Whenever new Regulations are made or existing *Regulations* are amended by the Governor in Council under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, or other statutes imposing more stringent conditions relating to the quantity or type of waste that may be so deposited or under which any such Waste may be so deposited, this Licence shall be deemed, upon promulgation of such Regulations, to be subject to such requirements; and
- b. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this Licence does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with the requirements of all applicable Federal, Territorial, and Municipal legislation.

### **2. Definitions**

“**Act**” means the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

“**Addendum**” means the supplemental text that is added to a full plan or report usually included at the end of the document and is not intended to require a full resubmission of the revised report.

“**Amendment**” means a change to original terms and conditions of this Licence requiring correction, addition or deletion of specific terms and conditions of the Licence or modifications that are inconsistent with the set terms and conditions of the Licence;

“**Appurtenant Undertaking**” means an undertaking in relation to which a use of water or a deposit of waste is permitted by a licence issued by the Board;

“**Board**” means the Nunavut Water Board established under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*;

“**Effluent**” means treated or untreated liquid waste material that is discharged into the environment from a structure such as a settling pond, landfarm or a treatment plant;

“**Engineer**” means a professional engineer registered to practice in Nunavut in

accordance with the *Consolidation of Engineers and Geoscientists Act S. Nu 2008, c.2* and the *Engineering and Geoscience Professions Act S.N.W.T. 2006, c.16 Amended by S.N.W.T. 2009, c.12*;

“**High Water Mark**” means the usual or average level to which a body of water rises at its highest point and remains for sufficient time so as to change the characteristics of the land (ref. Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Operational Statement: Mineral Exploration Activities);

“**Inspector**” means an Inspector designated by the Minister under Section 85 (1) of the *Act*;

“**Licensee**” means the holder of this Licence;

“**Modification**” means an alteration to a physical work that introduces a new structure or eliminates an existing structure and does not alter the purpose or function of the work, but does not include an expansion;

“**Nunavut Agreement**” means the “*Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*”, including its preamble and schedules, and any amendments to that agreement made pursuant to it;

“**Regulations**” means the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* SOR/2013-69 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2013;

“**Secondary Containment**” means an impermeable structure, external to and separate from primary containment, which prevents unplanned spills of hazardous materials and provides a minimum capacity of 110% of the original vessel. Where multiple vessels are stored within the containment, it must provide a minimum capacity equal to the sum of the largest vessel and 10% of the aggregate volume of all other vessels located in the containment. This structure shall also provide containment and control of hoses and nozzles;

“**Spill Contingency Plan**” means a Plan developed to deal with unforeseen petroleum and hazardous materials events that may occur during the operations conducted under the Licence;

“**Sump or Sumps**” A structure or depression that collects, controls, and filters liquid waste before it is released to the environment. This structure should be designed to prevent erosion while allowing percolation of liquid waste;

“**Waste**” means, as defined in s. 4 of the *Act*, any substance that, by itself or in combination with other substances found in water, would have the effect of altering the quality of any water to which the substance is added to an extent that is detrimental to its use by people or by any animal, fish or plant, or any water that would have that effect because of the quantity or concentration of the substances contained in it or because it has been treated or changed, by heat or other means.

**“Water” or “Waters”** means waters as defined in section 4 of the Act.

**3. Enforcement**

- a. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the *Act*, subjecting the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the *Act*;
- b. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by Inspectors appointed under the *Act*; and
- c. For the purpose of enforcing this Licence and with respect to the use of water and deposit or discharge of waste by the Licensee, Inspectors appointed under the *Act*, hold all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the *Act* or by other applicable law.

**PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The Licensee shall file an Annual Report on the Appurtenant Undertaking with the Board no later than the 31<sup>st</sup> of March of the year following the calendar year being reported, containing the following information:
  - a. A summary report of waste disposal activities;
  - b. Quantity of waste disposed of in any on-site waste disposal facility;
  - c. Quantity of waste backhauled to approved facility for disposal;
  - d. A list of any unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
  - e. Any revisions to the Spill Contingency Plan, Closure and Reclamation Plan, and other Plans as required by Part B, Item 5, submitted in the form of an Addendum;
  - f. A description of all progressive and or final reclamation work undertaken, including photographic records of site conditions before, during and after completion of operations;
  - g. Report on all artesian flow occurrences as required under Part F, Item 4;
  - h. A summary of all information requested and results of the Monitoring Program; and
  - i. Any other details on water use and/or waste disposal activities requested by the Board by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November of the year being reported.
2. The Licensee shall notify the NWB of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with this Project at least thirty (30) days prior to any such change.
3. The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, include a proposed timetable for implementation. Plans submitted, cannot be undertaken without subsequent written Board approval and direction. The Board may alter or modify a Plan if necessary to achieve legislative objectives and will notify the Licensee in writing of



acceptance, rejection or alteration of the Plan.

4. The Licensee shall, for all Plans submitted under this Licence, implement the Plan as approved by the Board in writing.
5. The Licensee shall review the Plans referred to in this Licence, as required by changes in operation and/or technology, and modify the Plan accordingly. Revisions to the Plans shall be submitted in the form of an Addendum to be included with the Annual Report.
6. Every Plan to be carried out pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Licence shall become a part of this Licence, and any additional terms and conditions imposed upon approval of a Plan by the Board become part of this Licence. All terms and conditions of the Licence should be contemplated in the development of a Plan where appropriate.
7. The Licensee shall ensure a copy of this Licence is maintained at the site of operations at all times. Any communication with respect to this Licence shall be made in writing to the attention of:
  - (a) **Manager of Licensing:**  
Nunavut Water Board  
P.O. Box 119  
Gjoa Haven, NU X0B 1J0  
Telephone: (867) 360-6338  
Fax: (867) 360-6369  
Email: [licensing@nwb-oen.ca](mailto:licensing@nwb-oen.ca)
  - (b) **Inspector Contact:**  
Manager of Field Operations, AANDC  
Nunavut District, Nunavut Region  
P.O. Box 100  
Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0  
Telephone: (867) 975-4295  
Fax: (867) 979-6445
8. The Licensee shall submit one paper copy and one electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board. Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include a detailed executive summary in Inuktitut.
9. The Licensee shall ensure that any document(s) or correspondence submitted by the Licensee to the NWB is received and acknowledged by the Manager of Licensing.
10. This Licence is assignable as provided for in section 44 of the *Act*.

**PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WATER USE**

1. The use of water is prohibited under the terms and conditions of the Licence.
2. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary High Water Mark of any water body unless authorized.
3. The Licensee shall not cause erosion to the banks of any body of water and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
4. Sediment and erosion control measures shall be implemented prior to and maintained during the undertaking to prevent entry of sediment into water.

**PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL**

1. The Board has approved the Plan entitled *Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies for Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development, Waste Management Plan*, dated June 21, 2016, which was submitted as additional information for the Application
2. The Licensee shall locate areas designated for waste disposal at a minimum distance of thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark of any water body such that the quality, quantity or flow of water is not impaired, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
3. The Licensee shall not practice on-site land filling of domestic waste, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
4. The Licensee shall not open-burn plastics, wood treated with preservatives, electric wire, Styrofoam, asbestos or painted wood to prevent the deposition of waste materials of incomplete combustion and/or leachate from contaminated ash residual, from impacting any surrounding waters, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
5. The Licensee shall provide to the Board documented authorization from all communities in Nunavut receiving wastes from the Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies – Pond Inlet Small Craft Harbour Development Project prior to backhauling and disposal of any wastes to those communities.
6. The Licensee shall backhaul and dispose of all hazardous wastes, waste oil and non-combustible waste generated through the course of the operation at a licensed waste disposal site.
7. The Licensee shall maintain records of all waste backhauled and records of confirmation of proper disposal of backhauled waste. These records shall be made available to an Inspector upon request.

8. The Licensee shall contain all greywater in a Sump located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres above the ordinary High Water Mark of any water body, at a site where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.

**PART E: CONDITIONS FOR CAMPS, ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURES AND OPERATIONS**

1. No camp facilities are authorized under the provisions of this Licence.
2. The Licensee shall conduct all activities in such a way as to minimize impacts on surface drainage and the Licensee shall immediately undertake corrective measures in the event of any impacts on surface drainage.
3. With respect to access road, pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into or onto any water body is prohibited. These materials shall be disposed a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water.
4. The Licensee shall not mobilize heavy equipment or vehicles unless the ground surface is capable of fully supporting the equipment or vehicles without rutting or gouging. Overland travel of equipment or vehicles shall be suspended if rutting occurs

**PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO DRILLING OPERATIONS**

1. The Licensee shall not conduct any land-based drilling within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary High Water Mark of any water body, unless otherwise approved by the Board in writing.
2. The Licensee shall dispose of all drill waste, including water, chips, muds and salts (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) in any quantity or concentration, from land-based drilling, in a properly constructed Sump or an appropriate natural depression located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark of any adjacent water body, where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
3. If artesian flow is encountered, drill holes shall be immediately sealed and permanently capped to prevent induced contamination of groundwater or salinization of surface waters. The Licensee shall report all artesian flow occurrences within the Annual Report, including the location (GPS coordinates) and dates.

## **PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MODIFICATIONS**

1. The Licensee may, without written consent from the Board, carry out Modifications to any Water Supply Facilities and Waste Disposal Facilities associated with this Licence provided that such Modifications are consistent with the terms of this Licence and the following requirements are met:
  - a. the Licensee has notified the Board in writing of such proposed Modifications at least sixty (60) days prior to beginning the Modifications;
  - b. such Modifications do not place the Licensee in contravention of the Licence or the *Act*;
  - c. such Modifications are consistent with the NIRB Screening Decision;
  - d. the Board has not, during the sixty (60) days following notification of the proposed Modifications, informed the Licensee that review of the proposal will require more than sixty (60) days; and
  - e. the Board has not rejected the proposed Modifications.
2. Modifications for which all of the conditions referred to in Part G, Item 1 have not been met can be carried out only with written approval from the Board.
3. The Licensee shall provide as-built plans and drawings of the Modifications referred to in this Licence within ninety (90) days of completion of the Modification. These plans and drawings shall be stamped by an Engineer.

## **PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL CONTINGENCY PLANNING**

1. The Board has approved the Plan entitled *Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies for Pond Inlet Small Craft Development, Spill Prevention Plan*, dated December 21, 2016, which was submitted as additional information for the Application.
2. The Licensee shall prevent any chemicals, petroleum products or wastes associated with the project from entering water. All Sumps and fuel caches shall be located at a distance of at least thirty-one (31) metres from the ordinary High Water Mark of any adjacent water body and inspected on a regular basis.
3. The Licensee shall conduct any equipment maintenance and servicing in designated areas and shall implement special procedures (such as the use of drip pans) to manage motor fluids and other waste and contain potential spills.
4. If during the term of this Licence, an unauthorized discharge of waste occurs, or if such a discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
  - a. Employ the approved Spill Contingency Plan;
  - b. Report the spill immediately to the 24-Hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130 and to the Inspector at (867) 975-4295; and

- c. For each spill occurrence, submit to the Inspector, no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event, a detailed report that will include the amount and type of spilled product, the GPS location of the spill, and the measures taken to contain and clean up the spill site.
5. The Licensee shall, in addition to Part H, Item 4, regardless of the quantity of releases of harmful substances, report to the NWT/NU Spill Line if the release is near or into a Water body.

**PART I: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO CLOSURE AND RECLAMATION OR TEMPORARY CLOSING**

1. The Board has approved the Plan entitled *Geotechnical and Environmental Baseline Studies for Pond Inlet Small Craft Development, Abandonment and Restoration Plan*, dated June 21, 2016 that was submitted as additional information with the Application.
2. The Licensee shall complete all restoration work prior to the expiry of this Licence.
3. The Licensee shall carry out progressive reclamation of any components of the project no longer required for the Licensee's operations.
4. The Licensee shall backfill and restore all Sumps to the pre-existing natural contours of the land.
5. The Licensee shall remove from the site, all infrastructure and site materials, including all fuel caches, drums, barrels, buildings and contents, docks, water pumps and lines, material and equipment prior to the expiry of this Licence.
6. All roads and airstrip, if any, shall be re-graded to match natural contour to reduce erosion.
7. The Licensee shall remove any culverts and restore the drainage to match the natural channel. Measures shall be implemented to minimize erosion and sedimentation.
8. In order to promote growth of vegetation and the needed microclimate for seed deposition, all disturbed surfaces shall be prepared by ripping, grading, or scarifying the surface to conform to the natural topography.
9. Areas that have been contaminated by hydrocarbons from normal fuel transfer procedures shall be reclaimed to meet objectives as outlined in the Government of Nunavut's Environmental Guideline for Site Remediation, 2010. The use of reclaimed soils for the purpose of back fill or general site grading may be carried out only upon consultation and approval by the Government of Nunavut, Department of Environment and an Inspector.

10. The Licensee shall restore all drill holes and disturbed areas to natural conditions immediately upon completion of the drilling. The restoration of drill holes must include the removal of any drill casing materials and if having encountered artesian flow, the capping of holes with a permanent seal.
11. The Licensee may store drill cores produced by the appurtenant undertaking in an appropriate manner and location at least thirty-one (31) metres above the ordinary High Water Mark of any adjacent water body, where any direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
12. The Licensee shall contour and stabilize all disturbed areas to a pre-disturbed state upon completion of work.

**PART J: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO THE MONITORING PROGRAM**

1. The Licensee shall determine the GPS co-ordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) of all locations where wastes associated with drilling operations are deposited.
2. The Licensee shall include in the Annual Report required under Part B, Item 1 all data, monitoring results and information required by this Part.