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Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Joint Venture  
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Attention: Mr. Charlie Lyall, Chairman, & Mr. Mervyn Hempenstall, President  
Subject: Application for Water Licence – Bathurst Inlet Port and Road Project  
NWB File # NWB4BAT

Dear Mr. Lyall and Hempenstall:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) has reviewed your correspondence of November 27, 2002 outlining changes to the above noted project. We understand from your letter that several components of the application filed on April 2, 2002 are no longer proposed, and that as a result you are requesting the NWB to amend your original application as outlined in the November 27, 2002 letter.

This said, we conclude that for permit processing purposes, your November 27, 2002 letter sufficiently describes at this time the changes to the project components, and that you will not be required to withdraw your original NWB application and re-submit a new project description and application. Unless you advise the NWB to the contrary within the next five days, we will delete from your April 2, 2002 NWB application all project components identified as “deferred” in your November 27, 2002 letter, and modify the others as appropriate. Be advised that pursuant to section 13.8.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, the NWB may request that you provide more information about certain components of the application once its environmental assessment is completed.

Meanwhile, we are asking the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”), by copy of this letter and your November 27, 2002 correspondence, to decide whatever course of action is proper in the circumstances, including whether a new environmental screening will be required.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Beaulieu  
A/Licensing Administrator

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          Carl McLean, Lands Manager, DIAND  
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