



7 October 2019

Richard Dwyer  
Manager of Licensing  
Nunavut Water Board  
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Dear Mr. Dwyer,

Re. Application for a Type B Water Licence for Nahanni Construction Ltd.'s Lupin Winter Access

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Nahanni Construction Ltd. (NCL) wishes to obtain water to construct and maintain a portion of the Tibbitt to Contwoyto Winter Road (TCWR), which will be used to mobilize and demobilize equipment and supplies for ongoing reclamation of the Lupin Mine (Lupin) in the Kitikmeot Region of Nunavut (the Program). While an application for Use Without a Licence is also underway, water requirements are expected to exceed 50 m<sup>3</sup>/day, hence the need for a Type B licence. Once the licence is issued it is expected to replace the authorization for use without a licence.

Please find enclosed the following documents in support of NCL's application to use water to construct the Nunavut portion winter road within the TCWR corridor extending from the Ekati Mine turnoff on Lac de Gras in the Northwest Territories to Lupin:

- Application form;
- Figure 1 (map);
- Nunavut Planning Commission correspondence;
- Nunavut Impact Review Board Screening Decision Report;
- Supplemental Information Guideline, General Water Works;
- Authorization to use Lupin facilities;
- Effects assessment;
- Engagement record;
- Security estimate;
- Statement of financial responsibility;
- List of officers;
- Certificate of Incorporation;
- Copy of cheques issued for Application Fees and Water Use Fee Deposit;
- Spill Contingency Plan;
- Abandonment and Restoration Plan;
- Plain language summary and translations.



The Program is currently licensed by the Mackenzie Valley Land Water Board (MV2018F0024) in Northwest Territories, has been referred by the Nunavut Planning Commission (#148975), has been screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (19RN005), and both a Crown land use permit (N2019F0001) and a Kitikmeot Inuit Association land use licence (KTL219F001) have been issued. Further, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans has issued advice under file #18-HCAA-01591.

As this TCWR is both a historic and existing land use, NCL respectfully requests that the Nunavut Water Board consider a reduced public comment period. Further, any efficiencies that may be realized throughout the review process are appreciated, as NCL wished to commence road construction as early in the season as possible to maximize the duration of winter road use and the related on-time completion of reclamation works at Lupin.

Should you require further information to support your review of this application, please contact Sharleen Hamm at 604-996-1110 or via email at [regulatory@nahannincl.com](mailto:regulatory@nahannincl.com), who is authorized to represent NCL for the purposes of this application.

Regards,

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Encl.

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