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File: 8WLC-HIP1516

May 25, 2015

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Subject: 8WLC-HIP1516 – High Arctic Large Igneous Province Geological Study, Axel Heiberg and Ellesmere Island Project - Approval for the Use of Waters and Deposit of Waste Without a Licence

Dear Mr. Dewing:

Please find attached Approval Without Licence (Approval) number 8WLC-HIP1516 issued to Geological Survey of Canada (the Authorized Entity) by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement or NLCA)*. The Approval has been authorized for a period of one (1) year after the day on which the Board approves the application and includes conditions related to the use of Waters or deposit of Waste which are an integral part of this Approval required for this type of authorization under the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* (NWR).

This Approval and the conditions contained therein permits the carrying out of activities involving the use of Waters or deposit of Waste with respect to the Application for approval. Any variation from these activities may result in a violation of this Approval and contravention of the NLCA, the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act (NWNSTRTA) or the NWR. The NWB would like remind the Applicant of the obligations under this Approval with respect to the reclamation and reporting which will arise as this Approval approaches its expiry.

If the Authorized Entity contemplates the renewal of this Approval, it is the responsibility of the authorized entity to re-apply to the NWB. Note that if the Approval expires before the NWB issues a renewal, the use of Waters or deposit of Waste must cease, or the Authorized Entity will

be in contravention of the NLCA and the NWNSRTA. The NWB recommends that an application for renewal of this Approval be filed at least thirty (30) days prior to its expiry date.

If the Authorized Entity contemplates changes to its undertaking involving a change in scope or increased activity, a water licence may be required. It is the Authorized Entity's responsibility to apply to the NWB for a water licence in accordance with the timelines set out for licences.

This Approval has been posted to the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site and is accessible from the following link: <ftp.nwb-oen.ca>

Sincerely,

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Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

TK/bm/ri

Enclosure: Approval Number: 8WLC-HIP1516

cc. Qikiqtani Distribution.



NUNAVUT WATER BOARD APPROVAL WITHOUT A LICENCE

APPROVAL DECISION

APPROVAL NUMBER: 8WLC-HIP1516

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to an application for Approval for the use of Waters and Deposit of Waste without a licence, dated April 28, 2015 made by:

KEITH DEWING, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

to authorize the use of Waters and deposit of Waste during geological scientific research at the High Arctic Large Igneous Province Geological Study, Axel Heiberg and Ellesmere Island Project located within the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut and within the Watersheds of: Sverdrup Islands Watershed (58), Nansen and Eureka Sounds Watershed (59), and Greely Fiord Watershed (60), generally located at the geographical coordinates as follows:

Camps:

Mokka	Latitude: N79.64 Longitude: W87.45
Bunde Fiord	Latitude: N80.50 Longitude: W93.74
Diener Creek	Latitude: N80.93 Longitude: W88.83
Geodetic Hills	Latitude: N79.82 Longitude: W89.80
Hare Fiord	Latitude: N81.01 Longitude: W84.63
Middle Fiord	Latitude: N79.75 Longitude: W94.31
Plateau Lake	Latitude: N79.24 Longitude: W90.39
Smith Creek	Latitude: N80.64 Longitude: W87.43
South Hare Fiord	Latitude: N80.64 Longitude: W85.60

Project Extents:	Max Latitude: N 81.50	Max Longitude: W 96.00
	Min Latitude: N 78.00	Min Longitude: W 84.00

DECISION

After ensuring that the application satisfied the requirements of Articles 11 and 12 of the *Nunavut Lands Claim Agreement* (NLCA) regarding land use plan conformity and development impact assessment; that the application satisfied the requirements of section 3 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* (NWR or *Regulations*); that the undertaking satisfied the requirements of sections 4 and 5 of the *Regulations* and that the applicant agreed to comply with sections 4(3), 5(4), and 6(1) of the *Regulations*, the NWB determined that:

Approval Number 8WLC-HIP1516 be issued, subject to the conditions of Schedule 1 contained therein (Motion # 2015-WL-010).

SIGNED this 25th day of May, 2015 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

<CHAIR SIGNATURE>

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair

TK/bm/ri



**NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
APPROVAL WITHOUT A LICENCE**

APPROVAL NO. 8WLC-HIP1516

Pursuant to the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, *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

KEITH DEWING, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

3303-33RD ST. NW, CALGARY, ALBERTA, T2L 2A7

Hereinafter called the Authorized Entity, the right to use Waters and deposit Waste for a period of one (1) year after the day on which the Board approved the Application, subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 1 attached to this Approval:

Project Name: **HIGH ARCTIC LARGE IGNEOUS PROVINCE
GEOLOGICAL STUDY, AXEL HEIBERG AND
ELLESMERE ISLAND**

Location: **QIKIQTANI REGION, NUNAVUT**

Water Management Areas: **SVERDRUP ISLANDS WATERSHED (58)
NANSEN AND EUREKA SOUNDS WATERSHED (59)
GREELY FIORD WATERSHED (60)**

Classification of Undertaking: **OTHER – RESEARCH PROJECT**

Purpose: **USE OF WATERS AND DEPOSIT OF WASTE**

Approval Criteria: **USE OF WATERS TO MAXIMUM OF ONE (1) CUBIC
METRE PER DAY AND DEPOSIT OF SEWAGE TO
MAXIMUM OF ONE (1) CUBIC METRE PER DAY**

Effective Date of Board Approval: **MAY 25, 2015**

Expiry of Approval: **MAY 24, 2016**

Dated this 25th day of May, 2015, at Gjoa Haven, NU

<CHAIR SIGNATURE>

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair



SCHEDULE 1

CONDITIONS FOR USE OF WATER OR DEPOSIT OF WASTE WITHOUT A LICENCE

General

1. In the case of an Authorized Entity who has a mineral right and who intends to use Waters or deposit Waste in relation to that right, the Authorized Entity shall respect the priority conferred on Inuit by section 62 of the *Act* as if that applicant had a licence for the use or deposit.

Use of Waters

2. The Authorized Entity shall take measures prior to the use of Waters to minimize any alteration to the bed or banks of a watercourse whose waters are to be used, and the measures shall be maintained during the operation of the undertaking.

Deposit of Waste

3. The Authorized Entity shall not deposit Waste to surface water or within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water.
4. The waste must not contain more than 15 milligrams per litre of petroleum or petroleum product and must not have a visible hydrocarbon sheen.

Abandonment and Restoration

5. Prior to the closure or abandonment of the undertaking or end of the period authorized for the use of Waters or deposit of waste without a licence, whichever occurs first, the site shall be restored — to the extent practicable — to the state in which it was before the use of Waters or the deposit of Waste.^a

Record Keeping

6. The Authorized Entity shall:
 - a. maintain accurate and detailed books and records of:
 - i. the quantity of water, in cubic metres, used each day,
 - ii. the quantity, in cubic metres, of waste deposited each day,
 - iii. the type of waste deposited each day,
 - iv. where the waste is deposited including GPS coordinates in Latitude and Longitude,
 - v. the concentration of the substance, or substances, in the deposited solid or liquid that has the effect of making the deposit waste,
 - vi. the methodology used to calculate or determine the information referred to in items (i) to (v), and
 - vii. the measures that were taken to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts of the deposit of waste.



SCHEDULE 1 (Cont.)

- b. keep the books and records on the site of the undertaking during the period of its operation and make them available during that period to an inspector on request;
- c. submit to the Board a report containing a summary description and supporting photographs of the restoration of the site of the undertaking within thirty (30) days after the earliest of (i) the day on which the undertaking is closed or abandoned, and (ii) the last day of the period authorized for the unlicensed use or deposit;^b and
- d. keep the books and records for two years after submitting the report describing the restoration of the site and undertakings.

Notes:

- a) A site need not be restored prior to the end of the period authorized for the use of Water or the deposit of Waste without a licence, as required by Item 5, if the Board issues a licence for the use of Water or deposit of Waste on that site prior to the end of that period.
- b) The Authorized Entity need not submit the report referred to in Item 6 (c) if the Authorized Entity obtains the Board's renewed approval for a use of Water or deposit of Waste without a licence, or a licence for a use of Water or deposit of Waste on the same site within thirty (30) days after the last day of the period previously authorized.