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Sahtu Land & Water Board
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VIA FACSIMILE
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Re: Land Use Permit Extension Application S03A-008 and Water Licence Extension Application S03L1-016 – Apache Canada Ltd – Nogha/Tunago Lake Drilling Program

Upon review of the Land Use Permit & Water Licence Applications for Apache Canada Ltd's Nogha/Tunago Lake Drilling Program, the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board is satisfied that all requirements have been met, provided that the subsequent conditions are followed:

- Every effort will be made to avoid disturbance to any wildlife, particularly Caribou, encountered during the program.
- If any bear denning sites are identified during the program, the Colville Lake & Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Councils, the Department of Resources, Wildlife & Economic Development-Sahtu Region, and the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board will be notified immediately.
- Due to shallow lake depths and/or limited water volumes, no water should be withdrawn from Lakes 13 and 15. However, the Board will rely on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to make the final decision regarding lake usage.
- The environmentally friendly mineral oil-based drilling fluid will be used instead of the salt-based alternative.
- At least one week prior to commencement of the program, area trappers, traditional users, and community organizations in Colville Lake and Fort Good Hope will be notified via letter and posted notices.
- Trained environmental monitors familiar with the Nogha/Tunago Lake program area from Colville Lake and/or Fort Good Hope will be utilized and hired through the Behdzi Ahda' and/or Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Councils. Weekly reports will be provided to the Behdzi Ahda' & Fort Good Hope Renewable Resource Councils and the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board.
- On any access road, all drivers will observe speed limits and watch for wildlife.
- It is hoped that every effort will be made to use a native seed source or, if not possible, to ensure that an uncontaminated seed source is used.

If you require any other information, please contact us at (867) 588-4040 or ras@srrb.nt.ca.
Sincerely,

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 Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake RRCs