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Our File: S15L8-001/S17L8-002

Your File:

Dear Mr. Ogilvie,

RE: 2016 Water Quality Monitoring Plan Report - Interim approval & S17L8-002 Amendment

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB or the Board) met on September 11, 2017 to consider the 2016 Water Quality Monitoring Program Report (WQMR); which the Department of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada – Contaminants and Remediation Division (INAC-CARD) submitted under Part E, item 1 of the Licence S15L8-001 on June 29, 2017. At this meeting the Board also considered the Submission Extension Requests received on September 1, 2017 for the Geotechnical Verification Program and Water Quality Monitoring Plan that are both required under Part D of the recently issued renewal Licence S17L8-002.

The Board hereby grants interim approval of the 2016 WQMR and requires subsequent revisions be made in accordance with comments made during this review with consideration that emphasis should be on presenting the 2016 results. This approach is necessary as the requirements for a Water Quality Monitoring Plan were included and revised under S17L8-002 which was issued on July 13, 2017. In consideration of the Submission Extension Requests and the Proposed Project Schedule as submitted in the Complete Application, the Board has initiated an amendment of the Licence under the authority granted by Section 72.12, item 1b, iii of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*.

The amended Licence is attached which includes revisions as per Annex C – Table of Revisions History. As outlined in the amended conditions, the Board has added the requirement for a **Baseline/Pre-Remediation Water Quality Monitoring Report** under Part D, along with a **Construction Monitoring Plan, Post-Construction Monitoring Plan and Long-term Monitoring Plan**, each as discrete deliverables. A Concordance Table of Items Requiring Submission is included in Annex B with deadlines that better align with the proposed schedule and other related issuances to INAC-CARD in the Northwest Territories.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Sabrina Sturman at (867) 598-2413 ex 224 or email at sabrina.sturman@slwb.com.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry Wallace". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Larry Wallace
Sahtu Land and Water Board, Chair

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Attachment: S17L8-002 Amended