



**Sahtu Land & Water Board**  
**REASONS FOR DECISION**  
Issued Pursuant to Section 54 of the Waters Act  
and Section 121 of the  
Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act

**Water Licence S15L8-001 (Type "B")**

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to an application for a Land Use dated July 24, 2015 made by:

**AANDC - Contaminants and Remediation Directorate (CARD)**  
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For: Water use and Waste disposal for a remediation program at Great Bear Lake Mine Sites Remediation Program on the east side of Great Bear Lake, NT

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 7 organizations within the Sahtu Settlement Area and 21 outside of the settlement area in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project had been screened pursuant to the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and that any potential adverse environmental effects were not likely to cause any significant environmental impact with known technology, and as such the application could proceed through the regulatory process and after reviewing the submission of the Applicant and after reviewing the written comments received by the Board; the Board, having due regard to the facts and circumstances, the merits of the submissions made to it, and to the purpose, scope and intent of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and Regulations made thereunder and the *Waters Act* has determined that:

Water Licence S15L8-001 be issued subject to the Terms and Conditions contained therein.

REASONS

The Board's reasons for this decision are as follows:

- Information contained in Staff Report S15L8-001 (1) relative to environmental impacts and/or public concerns;
- The Board has reviewed all potential environmental impacts under its jurisdiction and is satisfied that potential environmental impacts from this development can be mitigated with known technology or are of a temporary nature;
- There is an economic and ecological benefit to the Sahtu Settlement Area;
- Community and stakeholder concerns within the jurisdiction of the Board have been adequately addressed through the consultation and review process; and
- The use of water proposed by the Permittee is of a nature consistent with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and *Waters Act*.

Water Licence S15L8-001 contains provisions, which the Board believes are necessary to ensure and monitor compliance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the Regulations made there under and with the *Waters Act* to provide appropriate safeguards in respect of the **application's use of the water affected by the Licence.**

The Board will provide any referenced material or documents and/or reasons for decision for any specific clause or clauses contained within the application if requested to do so in writing.

The Proponent has been notified through a provision included in the scope of the Water Licence, that compliance with the terms and conditions of **this Permit has no effect on the Permittee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation.**

SIGNED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2015 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.

Larry Wallace (Chairman)  
SAHTU Land & Water Board