



**Sahtu Land & Water Board**  
**REASONS FOR DECISION**  
Issued Pursuant to Section 64 of the *Waters Act*  
and Section 121 of  
*The Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*

**Water Licence S18L1-002 (Type "B")**

This is the decision of the Sahtu Land & Water Board with respect to an application for a Water Licence deemed complete on August 13, 2018 made by:

**KBL Environmental Ltd.,  
P.O. Box 1108  
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N8**

for: the construction and operation of a Soil Treatment Facility in the Upper Industrial Area in the Town of Norman Wells, Northwest Territories.

With respect to this application, written notice was given to 29 organizations, 14 of which have representation within the Sahtu Settlement Area; in accordance with Sections 63 & 64 of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and Section 43 of the *Waters Act*. There was no Public Hearing held in association with this application.

DECISION

After having been satisfied that the project has been screened pursuant to s.124(1) of the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act*, and that any potential adverse environmental effects were insignificant or mitigatable with known technology, and the project is not likely to be a source of public concern, as such the application could proceed through the regulatory process. 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 MVRMA and the *Waters Act* and Regulations made thereunder has determined that: Water Licence S18L1-002 will be issued subject to the terms and conditions contained therein.

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

- The Board is satisfied that appropriate consultation has been conducted and that advice has been sought and considered, in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA;
- There are no existing Water Licences overlapping the project area;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the terms and conditions attached to S18L1-002, pursuant to the *Waters Act*, will significantly reduce any potential environmental impacts resulting from this activity;
- No significant or unmitigable public concern was made known to the Board;
- The undertaking contributes to the socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region and restoration and reclamation of lands;
- The Applicant has engaged with communities, interest groups and potentially affected parties to explain the proposed project and address questions and concerns;
- It is the opinion of the Board that the undertaking is exempt from conformity with the Sahtu Land Use Plan as all activities occur within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Norman Wells;
- The Board has reviewed the information contained in the Staff Report for S18L1-002 (1) dated November 19, 2018 regarding environmental impacts/public concerns;
- The use of water and/or deposit of waste proposed by the Applicant is of a nature contemplated by the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and the *Waters Act*.

The Board has notified the Applicant, through a provision included in the scope of the Water Licence S18L1-002, that compliance with the term and conditions of this Licence has no effect on the Licensee's responsibility for compliance with the requirements of any other legislation

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.

SIGNED this 19th day of November 2018 on behalf of the SAHTU Land & Water Board.



Larry Wallace (Chair)  
SAHTU Land & Water Board