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S13L8-008 / S13Q-004

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Dear Mr. Hodgson,

**RE: Status of Water Licence and Land Use Permit – expired December 2, 2018**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (SLWB or the Board) has reviewed the Terms and Conditions of HRN Contracting Ltd.'s Water Licence S13L8-008 and Land Use Permit S13Q-004 and note that the Licence and Permit expired on December 2, 2018.

The requirements for Annual Reports and Summer Site Inspections are provided under Part B: General Conditions and Part E: Conditions Applying to Closure and Reclamation of the Water Licence S13L8-008. These reports must be submitted to the Board by September 30th of each year for the duration of the Licence and are required for every water licence as per Section 14 of the *Northwest Territories Waters Regulations*. The 2017 Annual Report was received by the Board on October 30, 2017 and indicated no activity related to the Project. There has been no Annual Report submitted for 2018. Throughout the term of the Licence, there have been no Summer Site Inspection reports submitted to the Board, nor has there been any collection of data required by the Surveillance Network Program.

According to the most recent [Inspection Report](#) dated June 19, 2017, there were outstanding issues and concerns with vegetation growth and erosion within and surrounding the quarry, and concern about a pool that had developed on the top section of the quarry. The Inspector requested HRN to submit a remediation plan with actions and timeline. To our knowledge this has not been completed.

Also, the Board would like to remind you that December 3 is a due date to pay annual water use fee for S13L8-008. This fee must be paid annually for the duration of the Licence, on its anniversary date regardless of the status of the Project (i.e. inactive or active). Based on the water use fee calculator, HRN Contracting Ltd.'s water use fee for the period of December 3, 2017 through to December 2, 2018 is \$125.00. Please make the cheque payable to the **Government of the Northwest Territories** and send it to the SLWB office in Fort Good Hope.

### Final Clearance

Board staff also want to take this opportunity to share the requirements for final clearance for Permit S13Q-004. According to the Mackenzie Valley Land Use Regulations (MVLUR), a Final Plan must be submitted which includes the information set out in Section 29 of the MVLUR, as follows:

- A map, normally at scale of 1:50,000, show the location, the area, and distances of all land use operations. If access routes were used, indicate width. Please refer to the Board's Standard's for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Submissions for further requirements;
- A summary of the hectares utilized in each aspect of the land use operation; and
- A calculation of land use fees.

Once a Final Plan has been received and processed, which includes confirmation by an Inspector and recommendation for file closure, the SLWB will be able to issue a Letter of Clearance, thereby closing the Land Use Permit. There is currently not a formal process for closing a Water Licence, however, all reporting requirements cease upon confirmation by a Water Licence Inspector that the conditions of the Licence have been met. Please note that the final clearance will not be granted until all site restoration has been addressed, including the erosion problem mentioned above.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Bonnie Bergsma at (867) 496-2778 or email [bonnie.bergsma@slwb.com](mailto:bonnie.bergsma@slwb.com).

Sincerely,



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