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November 26, 2014

File: W2014L3-0002

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Dear Ms. Camsell-Blondin,

ISSUANCE OF TYPE "A" WATER LICENCE W2014L3-0002

Attached is Water Licence W2014L3-0002 granted by the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* and *Waters Act*. This Licence has been approved for a period of 15 years, commencing on November 26, 2014, and expiring on November 25, 2029.

All plans submitted with the Water Licence application are considered approved, and, pursuant to Part B, Item 5, the Licensee must operate in accordance with all approved plans. The Board notes that In accordance with Appendix A of the Reasons for Decision revisions are required to the Wastewater Treatment Facilities O&M Plan, Spill Contingency Plan, Hazardous Waste Management Plan, Closure and Reclamation Plan for Existing Solid Waste Facilities, and Solid Waste Facility Site Design Specification. The Board recommends that the Community Government contacts Board staff to discuss details related to the required revisions.

The Board would also like to draw your attention to Part D, Item 10. By June 10, 2015, and once every two years thereafter, a geotechnical inspection of the Edzo and Rae Sewage Disposal Facilities berms and control structures must be completed by a Professional Engineer. The Professional Engineer's report shall be submitted to the Board within 60 days of the inspection and shall include a cover letter from the Licensee outlining (a) an implementation plan to respond to any recommendations made by the Professional Engineer and, (b) a summary of any actions taken by the Licensee in the past two years to address recommendations from previous Professional Engineer's Reports.

Furthermore, in accordance with Part H, Item 2, the Licensee is required to submit a Landfarm Operation and Maintenance Plan to the Board by May 1, 2015. The Plan shall include the remediation procedures and associated timelines for cleanup of the existing contaminated soils in the Landfarm.

Also attached are the general procedures for the administration of licences in the Northwest Territories. The WLWB requests that you review these.

A copy of this Water Licence has been filed in the Public Registry at the office of the WLWB. Please be advised that this letter, with attached procedures, all Inspection Reports, and correspondence related thereto, are part of the Public Registry, and are intended to keep all interested parties informed of the manner in which the Water Licence requirements are being met. All Public Registry material will be considered if an amendment to the Water Licence is requested.

The full cooperation of the Community Government of Behchoko is anticipated and appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah Elsasser at (867) 765-4583 or email at selsasser@wlwb.ca.

Yours Sincerely,



Joseph Mackenzie
Chair

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Attachments:

- Water Licence W2014L3-0002
- General Procedures for the Administration of Licences in the Northwest Territories
- Reasons for Decision
 - Appendix A – Required Revisions to Plans

General Procedures for the Administration of Licences Issued Under the *Waters Act* in the Northwest Territories

1. At the time of issuance, a copy of the Licence is placed on the Public Registry in the office of the Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board (WLWB or the Board) in Yellowknife and is then available to the public
2. To enforce the terms and conditions of the Licence, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources has appointed Inspectors in accordance with subsection 65(1) of the *Waters Act*. The Inspectors coordinate their activities with staff of the WLWB. The Inspector responsible for Licence W2014L3-0002 is located in the North Slave Regional Office.
3. To keep the WLWB and members of the public informed of the Licensee's conformity to the Licence's conditions, the inspectors prepare reports which detail observations on how each item in the Licence has been met. These reports are forwarded to the Licensee with a covering letter indicating which action, if any, should be taken. The inspection reports and cover letters are placed on the Public Registry, as are any responses received from the Licensee pertaining to the inspection reports. It is therefore of prime importance that you react in all areas of concern regarding all inspection reports so that these concerns may be clarified.
4. Licence W2014L3-0002 will expire on November 23, 2029, if required; it is the responsibility of the Licensee to apply to the MVLWB for a new licence. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, and points raised during a public hearing, if required, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of any new licence. Please note that if the Licence expires and another has not been issued, then water and waste disposal must cease, or you, the Licensee, would be in contravention of the *Waters Act*.
5. If, for some reason, Licence W2014L3-0002 requires an amendment, a public hearing may be required. You are reminded that applications for amendments should be submitted as soon as possible to provide the MVLWB ample time to complete the amendment process.
6. For the timelines required for the completion of a renewal or an amendment to the water licence, please refer to the *Water Act*.
7. Specific clauses of your Licence make reference to the Board, Analyst, or Inspector. The contact person, address, phone, and fax number of each is:

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