



February 24, 2017

The Honourable Robert C. McLeod
Minister of Environment and Natural Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
P.O. Box 1320,
Yellowknife, NT X1A 2L9

Dear Minister McLeod:

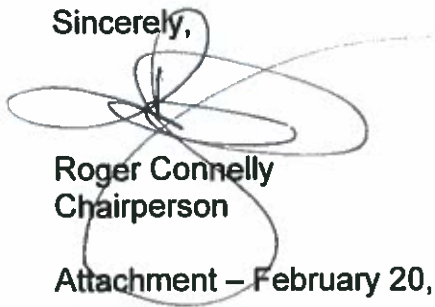
Re: N7L1-1817 Aurora Research Institute (ARI), Mallik Gas Hydrate Production Research Project - Closure of Licence

On February 20, 2017, the Inuvialuit Water Board (IWB) reviewed Water Licence N7L1-1817 issued to Aurora Research Institute for the Mallik Gas Hydrate Production Research Project and the Seven Year Drilling Waste Sump Monitoring Program. The IWB also reviewed the final inspection report by Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Water Resource Officer Philippe Thibert-Leduc recommending licence closure.

Following their review of these documents, the IWB passed Motion 430-04 to close Water Licence N7L1-1817 and recommend the \$100,000.00 security deposit held in association with the licence be refunded. Should you agree with the Board's recommendation, it is our understanding that your office will undertake the necessary actions to facilitate the return of this security deposit to ARI.

If you have any questions in this regard, please contact Mardy Semmler, IWB Executive Director, at 867-678-8609 or at semmlerm@inuvwb.ca.

Sincerely,

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Roger Connelly
Chairperson

Attachment – February 20, 2017 Letter of Closure to ARI

cc: Jolie Gareis, Vice President – Research, ARI
Erin Kelly, A/Deputy Minister, ENR – Yellowknife
Robert Jenkins, A/Assistant Deputy Minister, ENR - Yellowknife
Norman Snowshoe, Regional Superintendent, ENR – Inuvik Region
Lloyd Gruben, Water Resources Officer, ENR - Inuvik Region



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Jolie Gareis
Vice President, Research
Aurora Research Institute
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Inuvik, NT X0E 0T0

Dear Ms. Gareis:


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Following their review of these documents, the IWB passed Motion 430-04 to close Water Licence N7L1-1817 and recommend to the Minister of ENR to refund the security deposit held in association with the licence.

If you have any questions regarding the closure of this licence please contact Mardy Semmler, IWB Executive Director, at 867-678-8609 or at semmlerm@inuvwb.ca.

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