Northwest Territories Water Board Reasons for Decisions

Issued pursuant to section 26 of the Northwest Territories Waters Act, Chap 39, R.S.C.

Water licence Number: N7L1-1762 (Type B)

This is the decision of the Northwest Territories Water Board for the amendment of Water licence N7L1-1762

Shell Canada Ltd did not apply for the amendment of licence N7L1-1762, but the Northwest Territories Water Board amended the licence in accordance with subparagraph 18 (1)(b)(iii) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*. The project is located at latitude 69°12'30" North, longitude 135°06'04" West in the Northwest Territories.

Background:

Shell Canada Ltd licence N7L1-1762 is due to expire on January 31st, 2011. The licensee applied for the renewal of licence N7L1-1762 on October 1st, 2010. The Northwest Territories Water Board is waiting for a decision from the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) as to whether Shell Canada Ltd renewal application for licence N7L1-1762 is subject to the EISC process before continuing the renewal process. The Northwest Territories Water Board had a teleconference on January 25th, 2011 to discuss N7L1-1762 for a second time.

Requirements of the Northwest Territories Waters Act:

The Board made a decision in accordance with sub-paragraph 18 (1)(b)(iii) of the Northwest Territories Waters Act.

Decision to Amend licence N7L1-1762:

The Board has reviewed Water licence N7L1-1762 for amendment. Upon consideration of the facts and circumstances, the purpose, scope and intent of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, the Board has determined that it can amend licence N7L1-1762.

For the above reasons the Board has determined to amend licence N7L1-1762 in accordance with sub-paragraph 18 (1)(b)(iii) of the *Northwest Territories Waters Act* for the use of water and the deposit of wastes.

SIGNED this 26th day of January, 2011 on behalf of the Northwest Territories Water Board.

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