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Government of Canada
Aboriginal Affairs and
Northern Development Canada
North Mackenzie District
P.O. Box 2100
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Attention: **Mr. Jan Davies - Water Resource Officer**


Dear Mr. Davies

Re: **Industrial Water Use N7L1-1769**
CLASS B – INDUSTRIAL
Unnamed Channel – Mackenzie River

Referring to your letter of November 9, 2011, regarding the inspection of our operation under Water Licence N7L1-1769 (expiry on September 30, 2002), we have noticed your concerns on the conditions of the sumps mentioned in your report. As you might have already acknowledged, these sumps were constructed by us as a contracted operator at the time of 2001-2002 Mallik Gas Hydrate Production Research Project led by Japanese Governmental Agency, Japan National Oil Corporation which is now reorganized as Japan Oil, Gas and Metals National Corporation (JOGMEC).

We, with cooperation of JOGMEC, surely have an intention to continue making appropriate actions to maintain the condition of the sumps acceptable to you. We would appreciate your continuous support to us in this matter.

Yours truly,
JAPEX CANADA LIMITED


Yukio Kishigami
Vice President

cc: Conrad Baetz, District Manager
Donald Arey, Resource Management Officer III
Jozef Carnogursky, Resource Management Officer II
Komei Okatsu, Director General, JOGMEC