## **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT SCREENING COMMITTEE**

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Katrina Cockney Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk PO Box 120 Tuktoyaktuk, NT X0E 1C0

**Project Title: Water Licence Renewal** 

**Proponent: Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk** 

Dear Ms. Cockney:

Thank you for submitting to the Environmental Impact Screening Committee (EISC) your completed Project Summary Questionnaire (PSQ) for the above-named project. The EISC mandate is derived from the Inuvialuit Final Agreement (IFA), section 11(36), which states that "no licence or approval shall be issued that would have the effect of permitting any proposed development to proceed unless the provisions of IFA section 11(36) have been complied with". This compliance has the effect of requiring competent authorities to give notice of applications for licences, permits, or other authorizations, to the EISC. All applications for proposed development / research purposes must therefore be reviewed by the EISC to determine if they are to be subject to an environmental impact screening. Your PSQ did not provide information adequate to determine whether a screening would be required.

However, given the time constraints associated with the requested licence issuance, the EISC met with Inuvialuit Water Board staff to discuss this matter. The Inuvialuit Water Board has completed an extensive review of the application, including soliciting and receiving comments from a range of agencies. The new water licence will incorporate those comments and recommendations as appropriate. Taking this and IFA section 11.(18) into account and in order to avoid further delays in licence issuance, the EISC has determined that the project will not be subject to an Environmental Impact Screening (EIS).

You will appreciate that this is far from an ideal situation given the provisions set out in the IFA and the requirement that the EISC must complete its review prior to regulatory authorities issuing any authorizations. In future, the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk must submit a complete file to the EISC for review at least six (6) months prior to its water licence expiration to allow all parties to fully exercise their authorities.

If there are any questions on this decision, please contact the EIS Coordinator.

Sincerely,

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Michel Lindsay

EIS Coordinator, Environmental Impact Screening Committee

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