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Mr. Rudy Cockney Interim Chair  
Northwest Territories Water Board  
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Dear Mr. Cockney:

**Re: Screening on Water Licence Application Aput C-43**

Thank you for your letters dated 4 June 2008 and 28 July 2008, regarding the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA) screening of water licence Application Aput C-43, submitted by MGM Energy Corporation.

Regional officials are currently undertaking a review of applicable legislation in an effort to determine who is responsible for conducting CEAA screenings for projects requiring Type "A" water licences in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. As committed to during our recent meeting, the Department will be working with the Board to resolve this issue in the near future. INAC wishes to resolve this issue in a timely manner, as not to delay the MGM Type "A" water licence application currently before the Board. It is my understanding that the Board wishes to make a decision regarding the environmental screening of this application during the week of August 18<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the efforts outlined above, I have instructed staff of the Water Resources Division to work closely with Board staff and to ensure that provision of technical comments on the MGM water licence application is timely.

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Thank you again for your letters. I look forward to working together to resolve these issues and clarify roles and responsibilities with respect to water licensing in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

Sincerely,



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