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**Inuvialuit Water Board  
Japex Canada Ltd. - Mallik 3L-38,  
Mackenzie Gas Hydrate Research and Development Project  
Type B Water Licence N7L1 – 1769 (expired)**

Dear Mr. Fabijan,

Further to my November 5, 2021 letter and the attached Water Licence inspection report dated October 7, 2021, the department has reviewed the licence file and recommends file clearance and closure. Departmental records indicate that on November 23, 2001 Japex submitted the security deposit in the form of a Letter of Credit (LOC) to **Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada. Due to the short-term nature of the project, the LOC expired on March 28, 2002 and as such will not be returned.**

Please contact Wendy Bidwell, Senior Water Resource Officer at (867) 872-6421, or me at (867) 678 - 8091, Ext: 53659, if you have any further comments, or questions.

Sincerely,

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