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Subject: 8WLC-NES1718 – Approval for the Use of Waters and Deposit of Waste Without a Licence for NOREX17 (Northern Exercise 2017)

Dear Colonel Poole and Major Prentice:

Please find attached Approval Without-A-Licence No. **8WLC-NES1718** issued to the Canadian Army – Arctic Response Company Groups (ARCG), for NOREX 17, by the Nunavut Water Board (NWB or Board) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada (the Nunavut Agreement)*. The Approval has been authorized for a period of one (1) year after the day on which the Board approves the Application and includes conditions related to the use of waters and Deposit of waste, which are an integral part of this Approval required for this type of authorization under the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* (NWR).

This approval and the conditions contained therein permit the carrying out of activities involving the use of waters and Deposit of waste with respect to the Application for approval without a licence. Any variation from these activities may result in a violation of this Approval and contravention of the NLCA, the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (NWNSTRA) or the NWR. The NWB would like to remind the Applicant of the obligations with respect to the reclamation and reporting, which will arise as this Approval approaches its expiry.

If the activities authorized under the Approval are expected to continue longer than the term authorized, it is recommended that the Authorized Entity, upon receipt of confirmation¹ from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and/or the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) that relevant requirements have been satisfied, apply for a new Approval at least thirty (30) days prior to the expiry of the current authorization. Note that if the existing approval expires before the NWB issues a new Approval, the use of Waters and/or deposit of Waste must cease as required by the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) and the NWNSRTA.

If the Authorized Entity contemplates changes to its undertaking involving a change in scope or increased activity, a water licence may be required. It is the Authorized Entity's responsibility to apply to the NWB for a water licence in accordance with the timelines set out for licences.

This Approval has been posted to the NWB's Public Registry and FTP site and is accessible from the following link:

<ftp://ftp.nwb-oen.ca/registry/8%20MISCELLANEOUS/8WL/8WLC%20-%20Camp/8WLC-NES1718%20Prentice/>

Sincerely,

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board, Chair

TK/sj

Enclosure: **Approval Number: 8WLC-NES1718**

Cc. Qikiqtani Region

¹Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) and the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Requirements under NuPPA.



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APPROVAL DECISION

APPROVAL NUMBER: 8WLC-NES1718

This is the decision of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) with respect to an application for Approval for the use of Waters and deposit of Waste without a licence, dated March 1, 2017, made by the:

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to authorize the use of Waters and the deposit of Waste during military exercises associated with the NOREX 17 (Northern Exercise 2017) to be conducted at various locations in the Qikiqtani Region, Nunavut, within the Bathurst and Cornwallis Islands (#55), Western Devon Island (#56), Nansen and Eureka Sounds (#59), and Greely Fiord (#60) Watersheds. The operation will be carried out within the following general geographical coordinates:

Extents of Op Boxes (Decimal Degree)

Eureka

Latitude: 79.5328	Longitude: -87.4814
Latitude: 80.6339	Longitude: -95.0436
Latitude: 81.9608	Longitude: -86.0844
Latitude: 80.7586	Longitude: -75.9860

Gascoyne Inlet/Devon Island

Latitude: 75.3289	Longitude: -92.8897
Latitude: 74.6381	Longitude: -93.3333
Latitude: 74.3697	Longitude: -89.2569
Latitude: 75.0222	Longitude: -89.7669

Polaris / Little Cornwallis Island

Latitude: 75.9211	Longitude: -96.8167
Latitude: 75.6467	Longitude: -96.3808
Latitude: 75.4928	Longitude: -97.5836
Latitude: 75.6386	Longitude: -97.3567
Latitude: 75.8172	Longitude: -97.4444
Latitude: 75.8017	Longitude: -97.6519

Eleanor Lake

Latitude: 76.2367	Longitude: -95.6047
Latitude: 76.2764	Longitude: -94.1964
Latitude: 75.3436	Longitude: -93.2008
Latitude: 75.2644	Longitude: -95.3164
Latitude: 75.7436	Longitude: -95.3578



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Camp Locations (Decimal Degree):

Eleanor Lake (Cornwallis Island)

Latitude: 75.3613

Latitude: 75.3908

Longitude: -94.0739 or

Longitude: -93.8871

Eureka (Ellesmere Island) (Degree)

Latitude: 80.0667

Longitude: -85.8128

Polaris (Little Cornwallis Island) (Degree)

Latitude: 75.3808

Longitude: -96.8026

Gascoyne Inlet (Devon Island)

Latitude: 74.6625

Longitude: -91.2957

DECISION

After receiving confirmation from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC)² that the Application is for a project proposal that conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan and a decision from the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB)³ that the Project does not require a review under section 92(1)(a) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the Board is satisfied that the requirements of Articles 11 and 12 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada* (the Nunavut Agreement) and sections 3, 4, and 5 of the *Nunavut Waters Regulations* (NWR or *Regulations*) have been adequately addressed. In addition, through the provision of a signed Application for an Approval Without a Licence, the Applicant has agreed to adhere to sections 4(3), 5(4), and 6(1) of the *Regulations* and to comply with the associated requirements, the NWB determined that:

Approval No. 8WLC-NES1718 be issued, subject to the conditions of Schedule 1 contained therein (Motion # 2016-WL-028).

SIGNED this 6th day of March, 2017 at Gjoa Haven, NU.

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board, Chair

TK/sj

² Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) Conformity Determination, October 31, 2016.

³ Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) Determination, February 28, 2017.



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Pursuant to the *Nunavut Waters Regulations*, *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to the

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701 OXFORD STREET EAST LONDON ON N5Y 4T7

of

Hereinafter called the Authorized Entity, the right to use Waters and Deposit waste for a period of one (1) year after the day on which the Board approved the Application, subject to the conditions contained in Schedule 1 attached to this Approval:

Project Name: **NOREX 17 (NORTHERN EXERCISE 2017)**

Location: **QIKIQTANI REGION, NUNAVUT**

Water Management Area: **BATHURST AND CORNWALLIS ISLANDS (55),
WESTERN DEVON ISLAND (56), NANSEN AND
EUREKA SOUNDS (59), AND GREELY FIORD
WATERSHEDS (60)**

Classification of Undertaking: **OTHER OF UNDERTAKING**

Purpose: **USE OF WATERS AND DEPOSIT OF WASTE**

Approval Criteria: **USE OF ONE (1) CUBIC METRE OF WATER PER DAY**

Effect Date: **MARCH 6, 2017**

Expiry of Approval: **MARCH 5, 2018**

Dated this 6th day of March, 2017, at Gjoa Haven, NU

Thomas Kabloona
Nunavut Water Board
Chair



SCHEDULE 1

CONDITIONS FOR USE OF WATER OR DEPOSIT OF WASTE WITHOUT A LICENCE

General

1. In the case of an Authorized Entity who has a mineral right and who intends to use Waters or deposit Waste in relation to that right, the Authorized Entity shall respect the priority conferred on Inuit by section 62 of the *Act* as if that applicant had a licence for the use or deposit.

Use of Waters

2. The Authorized Entity shall take measures prior to the use of Waters to minimize any alteration to the bed or banks of a watercourse whose waters are to be used, and the measures shall be maintained during the operation of the undertaking.

Deposit of Waste

3. The Authorized Entity shall not deposit Waste to surface water or within thirty-one (31) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water.
4. The waste must not contain more than 15 milligrams per litre of petroleum or petroleum product and must not have a visible hydrocarbon sheen.

Spill Contingency

5. means measures developed to manage unforeseen petroleum and hazardous materials events that may occur while carrying out the undertaking under the authorization to use waters and/or deposit waste without a licence.

Abandonment and Restoration

6. Prior to the closure or abandonment of the undertaking or end of the period authorized for the use of Waters or deposit of waste without a licence, whichever occurs first, the site shall be restored — to the extent practicable — to the state in which it was before the use of Waters or the deposit of Waste.^a

Record Keeping

7. The Authorized Entity shall:
 - a. maintain accurate and detailed books and records of:
 - i. the quantity of water, in cubic metres, used each day,
 - ii. the quantity, in cubic metres, of waste deposited each day,
 - iii. the type of waste deposited each day,
 - iv. where the waste is deposited including GPS coordinates in Latitude and Longitude,



SCHEDULE 1 (Cont.)

- v. the concentration of the substance, or substances, in the deposited solid or liquid that has the effect of making the deposit waste,
 - vi. the methodology used to calculate or determine the information referred to in items (i) to (v), and
 - vii. the measures that were taken to avoid or mitigate any adverse impacts of the deposit of waste.
- b. keep the books and records on the site of the undertaking during the period of its operation and make them available during that period to an inspector on request;
 - c. submit to the Board a report containing a summary description and supporting photographs of the restoration of the site of the undertaking within thirty (30) days after the earliest of (i) the day on which the undertaking is closed or abandoned, and (ii) the last day of the period authorized for the unlicensed use or deposit;^b and
 - d. keep the books and records for two years after submitting the report describing the restoration of the site and undertakings.

Notes:

- a) A site need not be restored prior to the end of the period authorized for the use of Water or the deposit of Waste without a licence, as required by Item 5, if the Board issues a licence for the use of Water or deposit of Waste for the same undertaking on same site prior to the end of that period.
- b) The Authorized Entity need not submit the report referred to in Item 6 (c) if the Authorized Entity obtains a new approval authorizing a use of Water or deposit of Waste without a licence, or a licence authorizing a use of Water or deposit of Waste for the same undertaking on the same site within thirty (30) days after the last day of the period previously authorized.