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File: S20L8-002

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Sent by email

Dear Patricia Coyne,

Re: Prohibition Creek Access Road – [PCAR] Amendment Issuance Package – Water Licence S20L8-002 – Miscellaneous Water Use for Road Construction – Additional Water Withdrawal sources - south of Norman Wells NWT

The Sahtú Land and Water Board (Board) met on June 9, 2023 and considered the Amendment Application Package from Department of Infrastructure, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT-INF) for Water Licence (Licence) S20L8-002 for the Prohibition Creek Access Road (PCAR) in accordance with the *Waters Act*.

The Board has approved the amended Licence (attached). The amended Licence is supported by the Board's Reasons for Decision, as follows:

- The Board is satisfied that appropriate consultation has been conducted and advice sought and considered, in accordance with sections 63 and 64 of the MVRMA.
- The Project continues to conform to the Sahtú Land Use Plan.
- It is the opinion of the Board that the revised scope and conditions for S20L8-002 will ensure that any potential environmental impacts resulting from the withdrawal of water from the additional five watercourses are not significant.

- When withdrawal criteria are met, the option to withdraw water from these other five watercourses will support reduced production of greenhouse gases and fuel consumption by minimizing the distance that trucks travel to collect and deliver water.

All documents will be posted on the Board's Public Registry.¹

Inspectors:

The Inspectors referred to in the Licence can be contacted at the regional GNWT-ECC offices.²

Licence Processes and Additional Information

Sections 5 and 6 of the Land and Water Board (LWB) *Guide to the Water Licensing Process*³ (Guide) contain detailed information on licence enforcement and potential post-issuance processes, such as amendments to conditions, and assignment to another company. Please be familiar with these sections of the Guide and reach out to Board staff with any questions about LWB processes related to the Licence.

Full cooperation of GNWT-INF is anticipated and appreciated. Please contact Bonnie Bergsma [via email](#) or (519) 289-3380 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,



Tanya MacIntosh
Chair, Sahtú Land and Water Board

BCC'd to: Tulit'a District ORS Distribution List
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Attached: Water Licence S20L8-002

¹ See [SLWB](#) Online Registry for [S20L8-002](#).

² See GNWT-ECC Regional Offices webpage (<https://www.ecc.gov.nt.ca/en/regional-offices>) for regional contact information.

³ See [SLWB](#) Policies and Guidelines webpage for the LWB [Guide to the Water Licensing Process](#).