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File: S23L1-001

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Sent by email

Dear Renee White,

**Re: Soil Treatment Facility – KBL Environmental Ltd. – Renewal Issuance Package and Reasons for Decision – Water Licence S23L1-001 – Town of Norman Wells**

The Sahtu Land and Water Board (Board) met on December 13, 2023, and considered the renewal Application Package from KBL Environmental Ltd. for Water Licence S23L1-001<sup>1</sup> for the Norman Wells Soil Treatment Facility (STF or the Project) in accordance with the *Mackenzie Valley Resource Management Act* (MVRMA).

The Board has approved Water Licence (Licence) S23L1-001 (attached) for a term of five years, effective December 15, 2023, and expiring December 14, 2028. The Licence is supported by the Board's Reasons for Decision, as approved for the previous Licence S18L1-002<sup>2</sup> and summarized below. These documents will be posted to the Board's Public Registry.

The Board is satisfied that:

- the development has been screened pursuant to the MVRMA.
- any potential adverse environmental effects are insignificant or mitigable with known technology and by complying with the terms and conditions of the Licence S23L1-001.

<sup>1</sup> See SLWB Online Registry [www.slwb.com](http://www.slwb.com) for [S23L1-001](#)

<sup>2</sup> See SLWB Online Registry [www.slwb.com](http://www.slwb.com) for [S18L1-002 – Reasons for Decision Nov 19 18](#)

- there is no likelihood that the proposed development might be a cause of public concern.
- The undertaking contributes to socio-economic well-being and economic development of the region and restoration and reclamation of lands.

### Submission Requirements

The Board’s decisions on submissions that were considered in conjunction with the Application Package are set out below.

The Board has approved Engagement Plan (V1.0)<sup>3</sup>.

The Board has re-approved the following Plans from the initial Water Licence, S18L1-002, with minor updates required to be submitted to the Board within 60 days following issuance of this Licence, as follows:

Condition Number and Title	Title of Plan (Version)	Title of Revised Plan	Due Date
Part F, 2, WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN	Waste Management Plan (V1.0) <sup>4</sup>	WMP V 1.1	February 15, 2024
Part H, 2, SPILL CONTINGENCY PLAN	Spill Contingency Plan (V2.0) <sup>5</sup>	SCP V2.1	February 15, 2024
Part F, 6, OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE PLAN	Operations and Maintenance Plan (V2.0) <sup>6</sup>	O&M Plan V. 2.1	February 15, 2024

The revised Plan versions, once submitted, will be deemed complete following Board staff undertaking a conformity check to ensure all recommended changes have been made as detailed in the attached Table of Revisions Required.

### Inspectors

The Inspectors referred to in the Licence can be contacted at the regional GNWT-Lands offices.<sup>7</sup>

### Permit Processes and Additional Information

Sections 5 and 6 of the Board’s *Guide to the Water Licensing Process*<sup>8</sup> (Guide) contain detailed information on Licence enforcement and potential post-issuance processes, such as amendments to conditions, and

<sup>3</sup> See SLWB Online Registry for [S23L1-001 – NWSTF – Engagement Plan – Sept11 23](#)

<sup>4</sup> See SLWB Online Registry for [S23L1-001 – NWSTF – Waste Management Plan – Sep11 23](#)

<sup>5</sup> See SLWB Online Registry for [S23L1-001 – NWSTF - Spill Contingency Plan Version 2 – Sep11 23](#)

<sup>6</sup> See SLWB Online Registry for [S23L1-001 – NWSTF – Operations and Maintenance Plan – Version 2 – Sept11 23](#)

<sup>7</sup> See GNWT-Lands Inspection and Enforcement webpage (<https://www.lands.gov.nt.ca/en/services/inspections-and-enforcement>) for regional contact information.

<sup>8</sup> See SLWB Policies and Guidelines webpage for [MVLWB Guide to the Water Licensing Process](#)

assignment to another company. Please be familiar with these sections of the Guide and reach out to Board staff with any questions about Board processes related to the Licence.

Full cooperation of KBL Environmental Ltd. is anticipated and appreciated. Please contact Bonnie Bergsma at (867) 496-2778 with any questions or concerns regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Di Pizzo', with a stylized flourish above the first name.

Philippe Di Pizzo

Interim Chair, Sahtu Land and Water Board

BCC'd to:       Tulit'a Distribution List  
                  Renee White, KBL Environmental Ltd.  
                  Trevor Bremner – Inspector, GNWT-ECC

Attached:       Water Licence S23L1-001  
                  Table of Revisions required