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Bob Wooley, Executive Director Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board 7th Floor – 4910 50th Avenue Yellowknife, NT X1A 2P6

BHP Billiton Water Licence Renewal

Dear Bob,

Regarding your request for our response to BHP Billiton's application to amend the term of its current water licence N7L2-1616, we have no problem with the concept of such an extension. We anticipate commenting on the substance of the licence amendment for January 7, 2005.

If you require further information please contact us through our office,

Sincerely,

-ORIGINAL SIGNED BY-

William A. Ross, Chairperson Cc: Society Members

