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APPL. NO. QZ01-051

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Ms. Judi White
Manager
Yukon Water Board
Suite 106, 419 Range Road
Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 3V1

Re: QZ01-051 New Wolverine Type B Water License Application

Dear Ms White,

I wish to communicate our concern with the time it took to receive written response to our application for a Class B Water License for the upcoming test mining program that Expatriate Resources Ltd. wishes to undertake on the Wolverine property in southern Yukon. We submitted the application on July 29th and received the first written response requesting additional information on October 20th. A response was filed with the Yukon Water Board on November 9st to the request for additional information.

Expatriate is concerned that it took 83 days to receive a response, and of course during this time there was no distribution of the application to other regulatory agencies. Expatriate is seeking written confirmation of a more timely review going forward of the documents and distribution of our license application to the regulatory agencies who are to review such document. Given the delays in receiving comments on the initial application, it is now appropriate to set some strict timelines for the review and issuance of this license.

If additional information is required or clarification needed for some sections in the submitted B Water License, we suggest that any request be immediately forwarded to Jason Dunning, Vice President Exploration, as requests are received rather than waiting until all requests are compiled, thereby mitigating any potential additional delays in our providing a response to the Yukon Water Board.


In our pre-filing discussions, Expatriate was advised that the review and issuance process would take approximately four months, which would have meant that a license would in normal course have been received in early December; this now seems highly unlikely, and is a concern.

In our project planning, Expatriate will be committing to an underground contractor in early December, commencing preparation of the winter road in early January, staging equipment on the Robert Campbell highway in mid January, and then starting mobilization of equipment and supplies into the property in late January. It is unrealistic to expect Expatriate to enter into contracts for such work without having a Class B Water License in hand. Once mobilization is complete then the collaring of the underground portal would get underway in early to mid February. Delays in this schedule are unacceptable as Expatriate wishes to avoid mobilization and demobilization in March where risk of mild weather could cause problems and increase project risk.

Expatriate requests an understanding and commitment to timelines for review of the application such that we can coordinate our planning activities. Please provide direction as to expected time lines for completing the review of our application.

Should you wish to discuss the contents of this letter or have further questions regarding our application and plans, please do not hesitate to call me directly at 604-682-5474 Ext 228. I also note that several members of our project team will be in Whitehorse from November 20 to 24th and would be pleased to attend a project coordination meeting.

Yours truly,
Expatriate Resources Ltd.

PP  for Harlan Meade

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