IN THE MATTER between MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER, Applicant, and GREGORY NESSEL, Respondent;

AND IN THE MATTER of the **Residential Tenancies Act** R.S.N.W.T. 1988, Chapter R-5 (the "Act");

AND IN THE MATTER of a Hearing before, **HAL LOGSDON**, Rental Officer, regarding the rental premises at **HAY RIVER**, **NT**.

BETWEEN:

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER

Applicant/Landlord

- and -

GREGORY NESSEL

Respondent/Tenant

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The application is dismissed.

DATED at the City of Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories this 28th day of February 2004.

Hal Logsdon Rental Officer IN THE MATTER between MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF HAY RIVER, Applicant, and GREGORY NESSEL, Respondent.

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REASONS FOR DECISION

Date of the Hearing: February 26, 2004

<u>Place of the Hearing:</u> Hay River, NT via teleconference

Appearances at Hearing: Michelle Stanszuk, representing the applicant

Shelly Martin, witness for the applicant

Gregory Nessel, respondent

Date of Decision: February 26, 2004

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REASONS FOR DECISION

The applicant seeks an order requiring the respondent to pay rent and property taxes and terminating the tenancy agreement between the parties. The lease is clearly a lease of land and not a tenancy agreement.

Section 6 of the *Residential Tenancies Act* limits the application of the Act to rental premises and tenancy agreements.

"Subject to this section, this Act applies only to rental premises and to tenancy agreements, notwithstanding any other Act or any agreement or waiver to the contrary."

Rental premises and tenancy agreement are defined in section 1 of the Act.

"Rental premises means a living accommodation or land for a mobile home used or intended for use as rental premises and includes a room in a boarding house or lodging house."

"Tenancy agreement means an agreement between a landlord and a tenant for the right to occupy rental premises, whether written, oral or implied, including renewals of such an agreement."

The land in question is not a mobile home park or land for a mobile home. The lease is for an interest in land, not the right to occupy rental premises. The *Residential Tenancies Act* does not apply to this agreement and a rental officer has no jurisdiction to determine the matters contained in this application. The application must therefore be dismissed.

Hal Logsdon Rental Officer