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Nunavut Planning Commission
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Ms. Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Decommissioning of the Nanisivik Mine
Industrial Water License NWB1NAN9702

Dear Mr. Coady and Ms. Briscoe:

Please be notified that on February 28, 2002, Breakwater Resources Ltd. filed its Closure and Reclamation Plan for the Nanisivik Mine as required by the Nunavut Water Board under Part H, Item 8 of the Mine's Industrial Water License NWB1NAN9702. This Plan is submitted by the Licensee in support of their application for the decommissioning of the Mine. This Application for decommissioning was already forwarded on February 12, 2002 to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for conformity review to the regional land use plan as required under S. 11.5.10 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, and simultaneously to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for the purpose of environmental screening.

For all parties' convenience, Breakwater has already posted the Nanisivik Mine Closure and Reclamation Plan for download on their FTP site (<ftp://216.108.28.3>). The Plan will also be posted on the NWB FTP site. However, as the Plan consists of several volumes, we are asking Breakwater, by copy of this letter, to forward directly to your attention copies of the Closure and Reclamation Plan in a format suitable to your operational needs. To this effect, please contact Bill Heath, Nanisivik Mine's General Manager (telephone 867-436-7351; email: bheath@nu.breakwater.ca).

We would also like to take this opportunity to inform all parties that the NWB, the Government of Nunavut, and the Hamlet of Arctic Bay have partnered to engage a Community Liaison Coordinator who will act as the main link between the regulators, the Mine, and the community to foster an integrated approach to ensuring the fullest participation of community members throughout the regulatory process leading to the decommissioning of the Mine. We will communicate with all parties in due time to update you in this regard.

In closing, we respectfully ask NPC and NIRB to inform the NWB and interested parties as soon as feasible of their respective timelines to complete the conformity review and environmental screening so that we may set a preliminary schedule for our own regulatory process.

Please contact the undersigned should you have any question.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

c.c. Mr. Bill Heath, Nanisivik Mine
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