

August 3, 2007

Ms. Dionne Filiatrault
Executive Director,
Nunavut Water Board
P. O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut
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Dear Ms. Filiatrault:

Please find enclosed an application and fee to amend the expiry date of Water Licence NWB1CUL0207 from September 30, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The reason for requesting the amendment is as follows:

By letter to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) dated May 19, 2006, Barrick requested that the leases for the Cullaton Lake property be returned to the government on the basis that the requirements of the approved Abandonment and Restoration Plan have been met. In partial response to this request, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada initiated a review of closure issues and is currently in ongoing discussions with Barrick to move towards final closure. Although we hope to conclude matters by the current Water Licence expiry date, additional time may be necessary for further discussions and confirmatory studies.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

Paul Brugger
Site Manager, Cullaton Lake

Cc Bill Ferdinand, Director, Environment, Health and Safety, North America region
David Abernethy, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada