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Mr. Vernon Betts, Western Canada Area Manager - Environment Homestake Canada Inc. P.O. Box 11115 1100-1055 West Georgia Street Vancouver, BC V6E 3P3

Re: Application Acknowledgement for the Cullaton Lake Project

Dear Mr. Betts:

As indicated in my letter dated March 22, 2002, your application has now been sent to the Nunavut Impact Review Board for screening. I am also attaching further instructions with regards to our requirement for posting a notice as promised in the March 22nd letter.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a <u>notice of your application is required</u>. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, please have the enclosed notice in both English and Inuktitut published in a two-column width format in the **Kivalliq News** as per enclosed "Instructions for Publication of Notice in Newspaper." The Applicant is responsible for payment of the publication.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please note that the confirmation of notice posting, must be submitted to our office before your application process will be completed.

Please call the undersigned at (867)360-6338 or rbecker@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rita Becker, Licensing Administrator