



Water Resources Division
Nunavut Regional Office
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Your File: 1BR-CUL0207

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**Re: 1BR-CUL0207 / Barrick Gold Inc. / Cullaton Lake Project / Kivalliq Region /
Licence Amendment Application**

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has reviewed the application to amend licence 1BR-CUL0207 by Barrick Gold Inc. for the Cullaton Lake Project. The following advice has been provided pursuant to INAC's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* and the *Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development Act*.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada supports Barrick Gold Inc.'s application to amend the expiry date of its 1BR-CUL0207 licence from September 30, 2007 to September 30, 2008. The department is appreciative of the proponent's desire to reclaim its project in a responsible manner and provide time to review and inspect the site.

The Cullaton Lake Project is situated on land held under the administration and control of INAC under Crown land surface leases. This information is not communicated in the submitted water licence application form. Barrick Gold Inc. should resubmit this form with responses to all applicable information requirements. The Nunavut Water Board's public registry should be a source of accurate information on water licence files.

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada would like the opportunity to be notified and to review of any changes in the project. INAC would also like to request the Nunavut Water Board to plan for a water licence technical meeting and a possible licence hearing with the proponent during the spring or summer of 2008 to determine the long-term status of this project. This project may be the first non-orphaned mine to reach final closure since the formation of Nunavut and INAC believes that such a meeting and consultation will optimize the closure process.

Please contact me should you have any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing. I can be reached by telephone at (867) 975-4555 or by email at AbernethyD@inac-ainc.gc.ca.

Regards,
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