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Dear Mr. Hohnstein:

**Re: Licence NWB1CUL0207 – 2002 Annual Report – Your letter of November 21, 2003**

The following information is provide to address the deficiencies in our 2002 Annual Report as identified in you letter of November 21, 2003.

**Part E, Item 3**

A revised Spill Contingency Plan is attached.

**Part F, Item 4**

Section 2 of our report indicated that Part F, Section 5 of the licence required Barrick to submit an application for amendment of the Abandonment and Restoration Plan by January 1, 2003. This was intended to indicate that the plan had been reviewed and was being revised but this should have been stated more clearly. This section also should have been expanded to indicate that it would meet the requirement for a review of the plan. This will be done in future reports.

Barrick requested two extensions to the deadline for submission of the revised plan for the Shear Lake area, which were granted. The report was submitted on March 28, 2003.

**Part G Item 3**

Quality assurance/quality control is provided by our contract laboratory, ALS Environmental, according to their standard QA/QC Plan. This includes the

supply of sample containers and supplies and laboratory QA/QC. It also includes duplicate analysis of one sample from each sampling program. This plan has not changed in recent years. A statement to this effect will be included in future reports.

**Part G, Item 5**

The laboratory QC data (sample replicate), detection limits and analytical methods are presented in the following table.

**Cullaton Lake Water Sampling  
Water License NWB1CUL0207  
July 3, 2002  
Quality Control Results**

| <b>Parameter</b>           | <b>Sample 940-23A</b> | <b>Replicate</b> | <b>Detection Limit</b> | <b>Analytical Method</b> |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lab pH                     | 7.82                  | 7.82             | 0.01                   | A                        |
| Total Suspended Solids mg/ | <3                    | <3               | 3                      | B                        |
| Total Cyanide m/l          | <0.005                |                  | 0.005                  | C                        |
| Total Nickel mg/l          | 0.003                 | 0.002            | 0.001                  | D                        |
| Total Arsenic mg/l         | 0.002                 | 0.002            | 0.0001                 | D                        |
| Total Copper mg/l          | 0.003                 | 0.001            | 0.001                  | D                        |
| Total Lead mg/l            | <0.001                | <0.001           | 0.001                  | D                        |
| Total Mercury mg/l         | <0.00005              | <0.00005         | 0.00005                | E                        |
| Total Zinc mg/l            | 0.008                 | <0.005           | 0.005                  | D                        |

A - Meter  
B -Gravimetric  
C – Colorimetric  
D - ICPOES  
E- CVAFS

If you have any questions on the above, please contact me at 604-895-4410 or [vbetts@barrick.com](mailto:vbetts@barrick.com)

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