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Subject: Barrick Gold Inc. 2004 Annual Report submission under Part B, Item 4 of Licence NWB1CUL0207

Dear Mr. Brugger;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the receipt of the above document under Part B, Item 4 of Licence NWB1CUL0207. The document was distributed upon receipt to interested persons for review and comment with a submission deadline of May 20, 2005.

There were no formal review submissions received with respect to the 2004 Annual Report. The Report itself highlighted a number of items to be investigated and some minor maintenance work that would be carried out during the 2005 site visit. The NWB looks forward to receipt of the 2005 Annual Report and its documentation of the follow-up on the items identified.

The NWB issued an amendment to Licence NWB1CUL0207 in June, 2005 that removed the requirement to sample at Station 940-25 and added Station 940-27; the seepage from Shear Lake encapsulated waste rock. Within this requirement is the need to sample and analyze for Sulphate along with the other parameters. This parameter was included previously for Station 940-25, however results have not been reported. It should be emphasized that pH, metals and sulphate measurements are primary indicators of acid rock drainage, a potential issue for the waste rock disposed of on surface at Cullaton Lake. The results reported from 2004 for Station 940-25 (the seepage at the Shear Lake encapsulated waste rock) were generally above the levels for metals reported from other areas, in particular the zinc, which can be typical of initial ARD. The NWB reminds the Licensee that all parameters set out in the Surveillance Network Program are to be monitored as specified.

A second item to be noted, is the reported detection limit for nickel at 0.020mg/L. In 2002 and 2003, values were reported much lower (an order of magnitude). The reduced detection limit has resulted in the reported values in 2004 all being below the detection limit. This method and detection limit should be confirmed with the laboratory being used, as a lower detection limit is required in order to determine minor changes in the chemistry of the discharge waters.

With respect to the updated Spill Response Plan that was provided with the Annual Report, the NWB requests that upon the next review and revision of the Plan, the following additional contacts be included:

- i. The DIAND Water Resources Inspector is to be contacted whenever a spill is reported to the NWT Spill Report Line; the contact number is 867-975-4298;
- ii. Environment Canada be added to the contact list with their office in Iqaluit at 867-975-4644 and the EC emergency pager at 867-920-5131; and
- iii. Other contact numbers to be included are the Government of Nunavut, Environmental Protection at 867-975-5920, Kivalliq Inuit Association at 867-645-2348 or toll free at 1-800-220-6541, the local health officer, RCMP and other emergency response personnel as required.

The Board has taken into consideration the information submitted and hereby accepts the 2004 Annual Report. The NWB anticipates the submission of the required information above, either appended to the 2005 Annual Report or under a separate cover.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the undersigned at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

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