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By Email and Regular Mail

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Subject: Barrick Gold Inc. 2005 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 on April 7, 2006 under Part B, Item 4 of Licence NWB1CUL0207. After initial technical review, the document was distributed to interested persons for review and comment on April 21, 2006 with a submission deadline of May 23, 2006.

The Report was found to have addressed the deficiencies noted with the 2004 Annual report and has been determined to have met the requirements of the Water Licence. Also highlighted were the reclamation advances made during the previous year and those that had taken place during the site visit of 2005. The NWB looks forward to receipt of the 2006 Annual Report.

It was noted in the Annual Report that there was no seepage from the Shear Lake encapsulated wasted rock, Station 940-27 and as such, there was no available water for sampling.

In the acknowledgement letter for the 2004 Annual Report submission, the NWB identified that there was a change in the quality of data being reported for nickel (ie the analytical detection limit had been reduced or was at a less precise level). The 2005 Annual Report analyses summary noted that the detection limit was back to the level of 2004 as a result of Laboratory change. It appears as though there is the same issue now with the analysis of arsenic, where the detection limit has been reduced an order of magnitude to 1 ug/L (from 0.1ug/L). With this change, it is difficult to identify any minor change in the arsenic levels as the lowest results reportable are greater than previous water quality results. In order to clarify these issues, the NWB is requesting that the detection limits to be used for the Licence parameters in 2007 be included along with the submission of the 2006 Annual Report.

One water quality anomaly of note to be followed up with in future monitoring is the increase in the zinc concentration at Station 940-23A for 2005, which was nearly an order of magnitude higher than 2004 at 0.065mg/L (2004 value was 0.0087 mg/L). The duplicate sample was similar at 0.053 mg/L.

With respect to the updated Spill Response Plan that was provided with the Annual Report, the NWB is satisfied that any spill concerns can be adequately addressed through this Plan. For the submission of the 2006 Annual Report, the NWB requests the following:

- INAC has requested that the INAC Water Resources Inspector contact number be changed to 867-975-4295.
- In addition to the secured data provided within the PDF Report format, the NWB requests that the water quality and thermistor data be provided in an Excel format in order to allow data analyses without the requirement to re-input data.

Having taken into consideration the information submitted, the comments received and the two items above, the NWB hereby accepts the 2005 Annual Report.

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

Yours truly,

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