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Via Email

RE: NWB1 CUL0207 – Cullaton Lake Mine Extension Request

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Homestake Canada Inc. is applying for an extension of the submission deadline for the amendment to the approved Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the encapsulation of waste rock near Shear Lake. This extension is being requested due to the merger between Homestake and Barrick in 2001.

At this time, EC has no real concerns with granting an extension to Homestake for the submission of the amendment to the approved Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the encapsulation of waste rock near Shear Lake.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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cc: (Mike Fournier, Northern Environmental Assessment Coordinator, Environment Canada, Yellowknife)