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February 28, 2003

Mr. Vernon Betts
Western Canada Environment Manager
Homestake Canada Inc.
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Subject : Cullaton Lake Mine – NWB Licence NWB1CUL0207

Dear Mr. Betts:

This letter is confirmation that your request for an extension to the February 14, 2003 deadline for the submission of an amendment to the approved Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the encapsulation of waste rock near Shear Lake has been approved by the Board. The submission of this report is a requirement of Part F, Item 5 of Licence NWB1CUL0207.

The deadline for this submission is March 31, 2003 as requested. Be advised that your request went out to distribution for comments. DIAND and Environment Canada responded with indications of no major concerns with the extension. This will be the final extension issued.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

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