

May 19, 2006

Mr. Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director,
Nunavut Water Board
P. O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, Nunavut
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Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

Re: **NWB1CUL0207**
Cullaton Lake Property
Completion of Requirements for Surrender of Leases

With the submission of the 2005 Annual Water Licence Report, monitoring at Cullaton Lake continues to demonstrate that water quality has returned to within CCME guidelines for the protection of aquatic life at all stations with the exception of 940-3 (see attached tables). At this location arsenic marginally exceeded CCME guidelines on one occasion in 2003 (0.0059 mg/L compared to a CCME guideline of 0.005 mg/L), well within the acceptable range of analytical deviation. In addition, copper marginally exceeded CCME guidelines on one occasion in 2004 (0.0043 mg/L compared to a CCME guideline of 0.004 mg/L and also well within the acceptable range of analytical deviation) and exceeded CCME guidelines in 2005 (0.020 mg/L).

Annual geotechnical monitoring indicates that the tailings dam and associated structures remain stable. In addition, with the completion of various maintenance items in 2005, Barrick considers that the intention of the approved Abandonment and Restoration Plan has been fulfilled, that is, that the land has been restored "as near as possible to its original state". Accordingly, Barrick requests that, subject to a confirmatory site inspection and water quality monitoring round in 2006, the site leases be surrendered to the crown.

If you are in agreement, please arrange for a final site inspection to occur concurrent with our 2006 annual site inspection, in order that we can accompany your inspectors to answer any questions they may have.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Paul Brugger,
Site Manager, Cullaton Lake

Cc Bill Ferdinand, Director, Environment, Health and Safety, North America region
Spencer Dewar, Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development

Enclosures: As stated

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-02A - TAILNGS POND NO. 1 DISCHARGE, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	8.00	7.81	8.07	7.77	7.8	7.77	8.07	7.89
Temperature	°C			21.6	14.1	21.0	15.3	NR	14.1	21.6	18.0
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		4	< 3	< 3	< 3	14	< 3	14	< 5
Total Cyanide	mg/L			0.015	0.009	< 0.005	< 0.0050	0.006	< 0.005	0.015	< 0.008
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						197	199	197	199	198
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	0.0025	0.0022	0.0025	0.00159	0.003	0.00159	0.003	0.002
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.0014	0.002	0.0014	0.002	0.002
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00006
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	< 0.02	0.003	0.001	< 0.020	< 0.002	0.001	< 0.020	< 0.009
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.005	< 0.005

() Laboratory replicate.
[] Results re-checked.
(E) Not analyzed

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-03A - TAILNGS POND NO. 2 DISCHARGE, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	8.03	8.05	8.07	7.96	7.7	7.7	8.07	7.96
Temperature	°C			21.6	15.7	20.8	19.3	NR	15.7	21.6	19.4
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		< 3	< 3	5	< 3	2	2	5	< 3
Total Cyanide	mg/L			0.035	0.010	0.010	0.0072	< 0.0020	< 0.002	0.035	< 0.013
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						92.4	100	92.4	100	96.2
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	0.0042	0.0032	0.0059	0.00305	0.004	0.00305	0.0059	0.0041
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.0043	0.020	0.003	0.020	0.007
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00006
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	< 0.02	0.003	0.004	< 0.020	0.003	0.003	< 0.020	< 0.010
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	0.015	< 0.005	0.015	< 0.007

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-18A - TAILNGS POND NO. 1 SPILLWAY, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	8.10	7.86	8.87	7.89	8.1	7.86	8.87	8.16
Temperature	°C			21.5	14.2	20.5	18.5	NR	14.2	21.5	18.7
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		< 3	< 3	4	< 3	< 2	< 2	4	< 3
Total Cyanide	mg/L			0.009	0.008	0.009	0.0096	0.004	0.004	0.0096	0.008
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						217	200	200	217	209
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	0.0023	0.0021	0.0029	0.00165	0.002	0.00165	0.0029	0.0022
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	0.002	0.001	0.002	0.0018	0.001	0.001	0.002	0.002
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00006
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	< 0.02	0.002	0.001	< 0.020	< 0.002	0.001	< 0.02	< 0.009
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.005	< 0.005

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-19A - TAILNGS POND NO. 1 PIEZOMETER, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	NWB Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	8.11	7.89	8.08	7.69	7.9	7.69	8.11	7.93
Temperature	°C			22.0	12.7	20.8	16.3	NR	12.7	22.0	18.0
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		< 3	< 3	8	< 3	2	2	8	4
Total Cyanide	mg/L			0.010	0.012	< 0.005	0.0074	0.006	< 0.005	0.012	< 0.008
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						206	201	201	206	204
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	0.0024	0.0030	0.0036	0.00209	0.002	0.002	0.0036	0.0026
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.0015	0.002	0.0015	0.002	0.0019
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	< 0.001	0.001	< 0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00006
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	< 0.02	0.003	0.002	< 0.020	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.020	< 0.009
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.005	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.005	< 0.005

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-20A - TAILNGS POND NO. 1 EAST SIDE SEEPAGE, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	8.43	D	D	8.13	7.8	7.8	8.43	8.12
Temperature	°C			24.3	D	D	21.3	NR	21.3	24.3	22.8
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		5	D	D	< 3	< 2	< 2	5	< 3
Total Cyanide	mg/L			0.019	D	D	0.0104	0.118	0.0104	0.118	0.049
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						310	338	310	338	324
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	0.0028	D	D	0.00297	0.001	0.001	0.00297	0.0023
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	0.005	D	D	0.0041	0.004	0.004	0.005	0.004
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	< 0.001	D	D	< 0.0010	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002	< 0.00005	D	D	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00007
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	< 0.02	D	D	< 0.020	0.015	< 0.015	< 0.02	< 0.018
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	< 0.005	D	D	< 0.005	< 0.003	< 0.003	< 0.005	< 0.004

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-22A - TAILNGS POND NO. 1 NORTH SIDE SEEPAGE, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0		D	D		7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7
Temperature	°C				D	D		NR			
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0			D	D		6	6	6	6
Total Cyanide	mg/L				D	D		0.073	0.073	0.073	0.073
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L							515	515	515	515
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005		D	D		0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004		D	D		0.004	0.004	0.004	0.004
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007		D	D		< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002		D	D		< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001	< 0.0001
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150		D	D		0.045	0.045	0.045	0.045
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030		D	D		< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010	< 0.010

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[] Results re-checked.
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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-23A - QUARRY PIT, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	D	7.82	8.07	7.56	7.8	7.56	8.07	7.81
Temperature	°C			D	12.7	20.7	15.7	NR	12.7	20.7	16.4
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		D	< 3	10	< 3	4	< 3	10	< 5
Total Cyanide	mg/L			D	< 0.005	< 0.006	< 0.0050	< 0.002	< 0.002	< 0.006	< 0.005
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						37.9	104	37.9	104	71.0
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	D	0.0020	0.0019	0.00096	0.002	0.00096	0.002	0.0017
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	D	0.003	0.002	< 0.0010	0.002	< 0.001	0.003	< 0.002
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	D	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.0010	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001	< 0.001
Mercury			0.0002	D	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00005	< 0.0001	< 0.00006
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	D	0.003	0.002	< 0.020	0.002	0.002	< 0.020	< 0.007
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	D	0.008	0.007	0.0087	0.065	0.007	0.065	0.022

() Laboratory replicate.
[] Results re-checked.
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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

STATION 940-24A - AREA OF SEEPAGE FROM QUARY PIT TO TAILINGS POND, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	D	D	D	D	D			
Temperature	°C			D	D	D	D	D			
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		D	D	D	D	D			
Total Cyanide	mg/L			D	D	D	D	D			
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L			D	D	D	D	D			
Oil and Grease	mg/L			D	D	D	D	D			
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	D	D	D	D	D			
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	D	D	D	D	D			
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	D	D	D	D	D			
Mercury			0.0002	D	D	D	D	D			
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	D	D	D	D	D			
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	D	D	D	D	D			

() Laboratory replicate.

[] Results re-checked.

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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-25A - SHEAR LAKE WASTE ROCK DUMP SEEPAGE, 2001 - 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines	July 26 2001	July 3 2002	July 29 2003	July 7 2004	Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0	D	D	D	6.71	D	6.71	6.71	6.71
Temperature	°C			D	D	D	22.5	D	22.5	22.5	22.5
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0		D	D	D	< 3	D	< 3	< 3	< 3
Total Cyanide	mg/L			D	D	D	0.0220	D	0.0220	0.0220	0.0220
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L						31.8	D	31.8	31.8	31.8
Sulphate	mg/L						30.0	D	30.0	30.0	30.0
Minor Cations											
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005	D	D	D	0.00181	D	0.00181	0.00181	0.00181
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004	D	D	D	0.0074	D	0.0074	0.0074	0.0074
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007	D	D	D	0.0085	D	0.0085	0.0085	0.0085
Mercury			0.0002	D	D	D	< 0.00005	D	< 0.00005	< 0.00005	< 0.00005
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150	D	D	D	< 0.020	D	< 0.020	< 0.020	< 0.020
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030	D	D	D	0.0484	D	0.0484	0.0484	0.0484

() Laboratory replicate.
[] Results re-checked.
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WATER ANALYSIS REPORT
STATION 940-27A - AREA OF SEEPAGE FROM EWR TO SHEAR LAKE CREEK (1), 2005

Physical and General	Units	Water License	CCME Guidelines		Aug 5 2005	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM	AVERAGE
pH (lab)	units	6.0 - 9.5	6.5-9.0		D			
Temperature	°C				D			
Suspended Solids (105°C)	mg/L	25.0			D			
Total Cyanide	mg/L				D			
Total Hardness	mg CaCO3/L				D			
Sulphate	mg/L				D			
Minor Cations								
Arsenic	mg/L	0.300	0.005		D			
Copper	mg/L	0.200	0.004		D			
Lead	mg/L	0.200	0.007		D			
Mercury			0.0002		D			
Nickel	mg/L	0.300	0.150		D			
Zinc	mg/L	0.300	0.030		D			

(1) Station added in 2005
() Laboratory replicate.
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