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Phyllis Bealieu
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Dear Ms. Beaulieu:

**RE: Water Licence Application for Roberts Bay and Ida Bay Mine Site
Remediation Project**

The Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND) is submitting the enclosed application water use licence for the remediation of the former Roberts Bay and Ida Bay Mine Sites. Two copies of the completed application form and the supporting documents are enclosed.

DIAND completed site investigations at Robert's Bay and Ida Bay, in April 2006, under Land Use Permit Number **N2005X0035** and a Nunavut Water Board (NWB) Water Licence exception letter. NWB gave the exception on the ground that DIAND planned to conduct the site investigations in a way that neither use water nor leave wastes on site. The Roberts Bay and Ida Bay project is now at the remediation stage. A new application for the remediation activities is therefore being submitted.

In addition to applying for a Land Use Permit, DIAND is also applying for a new Water Licence and Inuit Owned Lands (IOL) Access Permit. All site remediation activities will take place on Crown Land. No activities are expected to take place on IOL. However, if option of mobilization / demobilization by Barge via the existing Hope Bay landing site is adopted, temporary storage space may be required on or near IOL.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact the undersigned or the Project Manager, Dele Morakinyo at morakinyod@inac-ainc.gc.ca, or by telephone at (867) 979-7965

Sincerely,

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