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**File No: NWB2AST**

May 10, 2001

Ms. Gladys Joudrey  
Environmental Assessment Officer  
Nunavut Impact Review Board  
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Subject: Cominco Ltd., Exploration – Request for Screening – New

The Nunavut Water Board received a new application on May 3 and 9, 2001 from Cominco Ltd. for water use and waste disposal associated with surface reconnaissance mineral exploration

In accordance with S.11.5.10 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project proposal was first sent for review to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for their review. NPC indicated on May 7, 2001 that this project falls outside the boundaries of the regions that currently have land-use plans in place.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I am sending the application documents along with this letter.

Please let our office know when we can expect your screening report so that we can set our deadlines accordingly.

Sincerely,

Rita Becker  
Licensing Administrator

cc. Michael Gunning, Cominco