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Ms. Stephanie Briscoe
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Briscoe:

Re: Doris North Project

Thank you for your letter of May 5, 2005 enclosing the Minister's letter of April 22, 2005 which supports the recommendation of the Nunavut Impact Review Board (the "Board") that the Doris North Project (the "Project") proceed directly to a Part 5 review under Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement.

As you know, Miramar has been working diligently to prepare additional information on the five environmental assessment issues identified in the Board's decision of August, 2004. In addition, we are in the process of preparing a new and complete environmental impact statement ("EIS") that incorporates the new information to address the five issues to assist in the efficient review of the Project.

Taking into account the previous review of the Project, the Board's decision of August, 2004 and the Minister's referral of April 22, 2005, we would like to make some proposals respecting the review process and timelines.

With respect to guidelines for the EIS, we have made the working assumption that the previous guidelines issued October 15, 2002 remain applicable. We request that the Board confirm the guidelines as soon as possible and advise of any modifications.

Miramar expects to have a new EIS, including reports addressing the five issues identified by NIRB and the Minister, ready for filing and distribution before the end of June, 2005. While we will issue the EIS as a "draft", we are optimistic that its content and detail will allow the Board to accept it as a final EIS following preliminary review and technical meetings. Given the history of the Project and the previous review, we would suggest that a shorter period of time for review of the draft EIS be established, enabling us to distribute the EIS in final form more expeditiously.

We would be prepared to participate in technical meetings over the summer at times and places specified by the Board. In the meantime, we will be contacting each of the regulatory agencies to address issues of specific concern to them.

With respect to a public hearing, we are committed to responding to technical issues and information requests in a timely manner to enable a hearing to be scheduled for the early fall.

We request that the Board consider this information in establishing timelines for review in accordance with the Minister's letter. We would be pleased to assist with any further information required.

Miramar Hope Bay Ltd.

(original signed) A. David Long

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