



NIRB File No.: 05MN047

June 27, 2007

To: Doris North Distribution List

Re: Doris North Gold Mine – Proposed Modification to the Project Proposal (Project)

Dear Parties:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) has received a letter from the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) dated June 21, 2007. That letter (attached) raised the issue of modifications to the Doris Project, along with the potential application of section 12.4.3 of the NLCA. That section states:

Any application for a component or activity of a project proposal that has been permitted to proceed in accordance with these provisions shall be exempt from the requirement for screening by NIRB unless:

- (a) such component or activity was not part of the original proposal; or
- (b) its inclusion would significantly modify the project.

NIRB has received correspondence from Miramar regarding the same issue and has had an opportunity to review the modifications/changes. Miramar's correspondence and supporting documentation is available at NIRB's ftp-site at the following location:

http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_REVIEWS/PREVIOUS_REVIEWS/05MN047-DORIS_NORTH_2006/2-REVIEW/16-NWB_HEARING

NIRB's *initial* thoughts are that these newly proposed components and activities were, one way or another, part of the application received by the Board and/or do not significantly change or modify the project previously reviewed by NIRB.

Therefore, NIRB would like to *propose* that Section 12.4.3 applies to exempt further screening. Before making that final decision, the Board would like Parties' to comment on this proposed course of action, should parties wish to do so.

The deadline for comments is **July 13, 2007**; after which NIRB will make its final decision, whatever that may be. That decision will be quickly communicated to all parties.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe
Executive Director

Attachment: Correspondence dated June 13, 2007 from Larry Connell to Stephanie Briscoe
Correspondence dated June 21, 2007 from Dionne Filiatrault to Leslie Payette

Cc: Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada