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File No: NWB1DOH

March 28, 2002

Ms. Gladys Joudrey Environmental Assessment Officer Nunavut Impact Review Board P.O. Box 2379 Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Subject: <u>Hope Bay Joint Venture– Doris Hinge Project – **Request for Screening** – New</u>

Dear Gladys:

The Nunavut Water Board received a new application on March 27, 2002 from Hope Bay Joint Venture for water use and waste disposal associated with mine development.

In the lack of an approved land use plan for the Kitikmeot region, this application is being forwarded directly to your office, rather than first being sent to the Nunavut Planning Commission.

The application documents are available through the internet on our ftp site at <a href="ftp.nwb.yk.com">ftp.nwb.yk.com</a> in the folder "NWB1DOH"; although, it seems that the proponent may have already forwarded a copy to your office.

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 (NIRB) to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

Please note the proponent's comment in the cover letter indicating that they would support a decision by NIRB to proceed directly to a review of the Doris Hinge Project.

We look forward to communication with regards to process and timelines with regards to this application.

Sincerely, *Original signed by:* 

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator

cc. Hugh Wilson, HBJV