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AND TO:

Hugh Wilson Miramar Hope Bay Ltd., 300-889 Harbourside Drive North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S1

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Re: Conformity Assessment Decision and Notice of Hearing

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Further to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's ("Board") letter of February 19, 2004 and the meeting held on March 29-April 1, 2004, the Board has determined that, on balance, the Final Environmental Impact Statement ("FEIS") and preliminary supplemental information ("SI") submitted by Miramar Hope Bay Limited ("MHBL") generally conforms to the Board's Guidelines and summary issues outlined in the pre-hearing decision dated June 12, 2003. Please refer to Attachment A for further details regarding the Board's conformity assessment.

The Board has reviewed the conclusions from the March 29-April 1 meeting and has confirmed the timelines as shown below in order to ensure a focused and efficient hearing process.

The Board previously indicated to MHBL that Supplemental Documentation (SD) to address the outstanding information/compliance issues shall be submitted by 4:00 pm (MT) April 30, 2004. It is recommended that MHBL submit the information to address issues raised at the technical meeting and as identified in Attachment A as one response to the Board.

The parties are formally notified that they should continue their technical review of the FEIS and SD already with the Board as of April 1, 2004. In addition, parties may submit initial information requests (IR) by April 30, 2004 but are requested to submit to the Board final Information Requests (IR) no later than 3:00 p.m (MT) May 10.

MHBL deadline SD	D: April 30
Parties preliminary IR to MHBL	D: April 30
Parties final IR to MHBL to add. SD sub. April 30	D: May 10
MHBL final response to parties IR requests	D: May 17
Final Intervention Comments	D: May 28
Translation	D: June 5
Hearing	Begin June 13

MHBL is requested to provide a response to submissions from interested parties by May 17, 2004. The deadline to file final written submission/intervention statements and their Inuktitut translation is May 28 and June 5, respectively. The Hearings will begin on June 13th, 2004 in Cambridge Bay. Closer to the hearing date the Board will provide parties with a more detailed agenda.

Please contact Dionne Filiatrault, Manager Technical Services (NIRB/NWB) at 867-360-6338, email: srtech@nwb.nunavut.ca or the undersigned should you require clarification.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Briscoe Executive Director

Attachment: (A) NIRB Conformity Decision

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