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Re: Doris North Gold Project (DNGP)

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a letter today from the Honourable Jim Prentice, Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (copy enclosed). As you will see, the Ministers have accepted NIRB's final hearing report recommending approval of the Doris North Gold Project.

The next steps in the process are for NIRB to meet with the regulators and NIRB to issue the Project Certificate (PC). The Board expects the PC meeting to occur roughly the second week of September in Iqaluit.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director at 867-983-4603 or sbriscoe@nirb.nunavut.ca

Yours Truly,

Elizabeth Copland
Acting Chairperson for the Nunavut Impact Review Board

Encl. Letter from Honourable Jim Prentice to NIRB regarding Doris North Gold Project

July 28 2006

Ms. Elizabeth Copland
Acting Chair
Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Copland:

I am writing in response to the Nunavut Impact Review Board's (the Board) Final Hearing Report of March 6, 2006 for the Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. Doris North Gold Mine Project (Project). The Board has completed its review of the Project under Part 5 of Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement and has recommended that it be approved subject to the imposition of thirty-five terms and conditions. The Board's Report has been submitted to me for a decision under section 12.5.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement.

I have reviewed the Board's Report and subsequent addendum to Condition 1 issued June 22, 2006, and pursuant to section 12.5.7 (a) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, I accept the Board's Report and determination that the Project should proceed. The other federal departments with jurisdictional responsibility in relation to the proposal, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Natural Resources Canada, concur with this decision.

I would like to clarify my interpretation of the requirements for the final closure and reclamation plan for the jetty and decommissioning of the mine discussed on page 62 of the Report, which states that these would be required to be submitted to the Nunavut Impact Review Board for Article 12 approval. As the Board has already considered these components, further review under Article 12 would only be required if substantive changes were proposed that would significantly modify the project.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board for its work in completing the review of this project proposal.

Sincerely, *Original signed by*
a signé l'original

The Honourable Jim Prentice, PC, QC, MP

c.c.: The Honourable Loyola Hearn, PC, MP