

October 3, 2006

Mr. Geoff Clark Manager Environment Kitikmeot Inuit Association P.O. Box 360 Kugluktuk, NU X0B 0B0 Doris Distribution List

Via Email: geoff@qiniq.com

Re: Doris North Gold Mine Project Certificate

Dear Mr. Clark

Thank you for the Kitikmeot Inuit Association's (KIA) comments on the DRAFT Doris North Project Certificate, contained in correspondence dated September 11, 2006.

Please note the following in response to the concerns identified in your correspondence,

The Certificate

1) The Board accepted KIA's recommendation to word the Procedural Background, Section 2.0, and the Project Description, Section 2.1 exactly as the previous NIRB decision with the exception of the addition of the word "Greenstone" on page 4 paragraph 8 as follows:

"Finally, in looking forward, the Doris North Project (Doris north gold deposit) is located within a geological structure known as the Hope Bay <u>Greenstone</u> Belt which is about 80 km in length and known to contain at least two other mineralized zones owned by MHBL."

- 2) The Board accepted KIA's recommendation to cite Section 12.9.7 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) in Section 3, Implementation of Project Certificate.
- 3) With respect to KIA's comments on the "Commentary" added to specific Terms and Conditions in the Project Certificate; the incentive for the "Commentary" was generated during the Project Certificate Meeting on August 21 and 22, 2006 where Government Regulatory Agencies and NIRB staff agreed that clarification of specific terms and conditions was needed. Following receipt of comments from Government Regulatory Agencies and KIA on the DRAFT Project Certificate, the Board approved the Final Project Certificate, including the commentaries, as stated in Section 4 of the Final Project Certificate:

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Project Certificate Terms and Conditions:

"Also, in the event of a conflict with the "Commentary" and the Terms and Conditions, the Terms and Conditions prevail. (The "Commentary" is not to be construed as legally binding)"

The PC Appendicies

- 1) With respect to KIA's comments on Appendix B of the Project Certificate, *List of Applicable Legislation and Authorizations required for the Doris North Gold Mine Project,* the Board accepted KIA's request to remove any reference to KIA from the Appendix. Furthermore, for your information, the purpose of Appendix B is to provide guidance to the proponent, Miramar Hope Bay Limited (MHBL) through the upcoming regulatory phase of the project.
- 2) With respect to KIA's comments on Appendix C of the Project Certificate, *Table of Commitments and Regulatory Roles*, the purpose of this Appendix is, again to provide guidance to MHBL through the regulatory phase and contains **all 238 commitments** made by MHBL including:
 - 149 commitments made by MHBL as referenced from Appendix A of the NIRB's Final Hearing Report dated March 6, 2006;
 - 12 commitments as referenced from the addendum to Appendix A of the NIRB's Final Hearing Report; and
 - 77 commitments as referenced from Appendix B of the NIRB's Final Hearing Report.

Given the difficulty in reading the complete Appendix C table in excel format, this table has since been converted to Adobe pdf format for ease of reference.

3) With respect to KIA's comment that "...many of the things on this list (Appendix C) are not expressed in language that could ensure legal enforceability.", the NIRB did not feel it appropriate to alter the wording of MHBL's own commitments and therefore decided that incorporation of the Proponents Commitments into Conditions 1, 2, and 3 of the Project Certificate would satisfy this concern.

Monitoring program

1) With respect to KIA's comment on Appendix D of the Project Certificate, *Monitoring Program*, NIRB is required to fulfill its responsibilities pursuant to Section 12.7 of the NLCA in the time frame provided for in the Project Certificate.



Should you have any concerns related to this matter please contact me at 897-983-4603 or sbriscoe@nirb.nunavut.ca.

Sincerely,

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