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Dear Mr. Atkinson

Re: Request for Representatives to attend Nunavut Impact Review Board Final Hearings for the Doris North Project and the Meadowbank Gold Project

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is writing to request representation from the Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (GN-DOE) and Community Government and Services (GN-CGS) at the upcoming Final Hearings for the Doris North Project and the Meadowbank Gold Project.

NIRB appreciates the work of the representatives of the GN-DOE and the GN-CGS throughout the NIRB screening and review processes. For both the Doris North Project and the Meadowbank Gold Project there are a number of important matters, such as wildlife issues, road and transportation issues, and community and social issues, where the evidence and perspective provided by witnesses from the GN-DOE and GN-CGS is critical to NIRB decision making. Therefore, the absence of GN representatives at the recent Meadowbank Gold Project Pre-Hearing Conference causes NIRB some concern and is the key reason why this letter is being written.

To alleviate this concern, NIRB asks that you share this letter with other GN Departments and confirm with NIRB the attendance of GN representatives for the Doris North Project Final Hearing scheduled for January 28 to February 3, 2006 in Cambridge Bay and the Meadowbank Gold Project Final Hearing subject to confirmation of the date and location. NIRB would appreciate a reply to this request, directed to the attention of Ms. Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director, by December 15, 2005. Should you have any questions regarding this request, or you are unable to reply by this date, please contact Ms. Briscoe.

Concurrently, we wish to remind all of the Parties that every Party's evidence is equally important and all are expected to have appropriate witnesses available for these hearings.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Copland Acting Chair

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cc. Government of Nunavut, Department of Community Government and Services

Doris North Project Distribution List

Meadowbank Gold Project Distribution List