

NIRB File No.: 05MN047

DATE: January 13, 2006

TO: Colette Spagnuolo, Environment Canada

Tania Gordanier, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

RE: Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Environment Canada written submission

extension for assessment of Tailings Alternatives

Dear Ms Gordanier and Ms Spagnuolo,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received yesterday, a letter from Miramar Hope Bay Limited (MHBL) regarding a concern raised by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and Environment Canada (EC) in a joint letter submitted on December 20, 2005.

In its letter, MHBL offers to submit additional information by January 18, 2006, to satisfy the concern both parties raised regarding *the assessment of alternatives to the use of Tail Lake for tailings disposal* and the requirements of Schedule 2 of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations. NIRB has accepted MHBL's proposal. However, as January 18, 2006, is also the deadline for written submissions, NIRB has decided to allow DFO and EC until Tuesday January 23, 2006, no later than 8:00 am to submit written interventions.

The deadline for executive summary translations is January 24, 2006. Given that DFO and EC are now submitting on January 23, 2006, translations (in Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun) must be submitted electronically to NIRB on Friday January 27, 2006, no later than 3:00 pm Cambridge Bay time. Also EC and DFO are now responsible for bringing to the Final Hearing 40 hardcopies of their executive summary translations in each language.

Yours truly,

(Original signed by)

Stephanie Briscoe Executive Director

c.c. Honourable Andy Scott, Minister INAC
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Encl. DFO letter of December 20, 2005. MHBL letter of January 12, 2006.