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Via Email at [sbriscoe@nirb.nunavut.ca](mailto:sbriscoe@nirb.nunavut.ca)

Dear Ms. Briscoe:

**RE: Doris North Gold Mine**

Environment Canada (EC) has received the additional supplemental information submitted by Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. (MHBL) on April 30, 2004. As indicated in our April 26, 2004 letter addressed to yourself and Mr. Hugh Wilson, EC staff have met with MHBL's consultants to discuss the Tail Lake water balance. In these meetings, MHBL committed to providing EC with a sensitivity analysis for the Tail Lake water balance by April 30, 2004. As you are aware, this information was not submitted by this date. In an email from Hugh Wilson dated May 6, 2004, Mr. Wilson indicates that MHBL is "working on the water issues raised by Mike Fournier at the YK meetings and subsequently reviewed with Chris Spence, and further details will follow *in due course* [emphasis added]." Environment Canada has concerns that this information will not be received in time to review and incorporate into our final submission for the upcoming hearings. Given that additional information which is necessary to complete our technical review is still outstanding, EC would like to inform the NIRB that we may be unable to incorporate this information into our technical review. As such, EC may not be able to provide complete technical advice to the NIRB at the hearings.

Environment Canada has concerns that the process that has been implemented during the course of the Doris North review may not result in the complete resolution of outstanding environmental assessment issues. This could result in an extended environmental assessment process in which issues are unnecessarily carried forward into the regulatory process. As EC would like to avoid such a situation from occurring, we would be pleased to discuss these concerns and other process related issues with the NIRB. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at [colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca](mailto:colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca).

Yours truly,

***Original signed by***

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