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Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Dear Ms. Briscoe,

**Re: Submission on the Technical Adequacy of the Draft Environmental Impact
Statement for the Doris North Gold Project**

Thank you for your letter of July 22, 2005 in which you ask for submissions for the Doris North Technical Adequacy review. In response, please find attached the submission of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. The one page executive summary has been translated into Inuktituk and Innuinaqtun.

The department's submission focuses on NIRB's request to assess the adequacy of the following five (5) key areas, as presented in the 2005 Draft Environmental Impact Statement by Miramar Hope Bay Ltd.:

1. The wildlife mitigation and monitoring plan including cumulative effects assessment;
2. The Tail Lake water quality and water management strategy;
3. The assessment of alternatives to the use of Tail Lake for tailings disposal;
4. The design of the jetty and related issues including effects on fish habitat, shoreline erosion and the seabed; and
5. The socio-economic impact of the project on affected residents and communities of Nunavut.

However, the department has not limited its review to the above five categories, but has reviewed the whole document.

We look forward to presenting and discussing details related to this submission at the technical meetings, scheduled for August 23 through 25th, in Yellowknife, N.W.T. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call myself at (867) 975-4503 or Robyn Abernethy-Gillis, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, at (867) 975-4552.

Sincerely,
original signed by

Stephen Traynor
Acting Regional Director General

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