

NIRB File No.: 05MN047

DATE: August 10, 2005

TO: Mr. David Long, Miramar Hope Bay Limited

RE: Information Requests from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada

Dear Mr. Long,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) is in receipt of a letter and appendix from Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) which contains 28 Information Requests (IR) pertaining to their technical review of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. This compilation of IRs was received on August 9, 2005.

NIRB has reviewed the appendix and requests that Miramar Hope Bay Limited (MHBL) provide an answer to the following IRs as soon as possible: #5, 16, 18a-d, 23, and 27.

NIRB's rationale for its decision is that most of the IRs entail discussion between experts from various Parties or involve socio-economic issues which are important to discuss in the presence of the 16 community representatives attending the Technical Meeting. Furthermore, NIRB recognizes that requiring MHBL to respond to all 28 IRs this close to the Technical Meeting in Yellowknife from August 23rd to 25th, 2005, potentially hinders preparation for that important meeting.

As for the remaining IRs, NIRB asks that MHBL review them and position itself to respond at the Technical Meeting.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

(Original signed by)

Stephen Lines Technical Advisor

Encl. INAC IRs

Cc. Mr. Carl McLean, INAC

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