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Miramar files Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Doris North Project at Hope Bay - Development Plans Emphasize Environmental Protection and Minimizing Disturbance -

VANCOUVER – Miramar Mining Corporation (MAE-TSE, MNG-AMEX) announced today that its subsidiary, Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. (“MHBL”), has filed a draft Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) with the Nunavut Impact Review Board (“NIRB”) for the development of the Doris North project (*formerly known as the Doris Hinge Project*) at the Hope Bay project, Nunavut. The draft EIS details the Doris North Project and includes the project description, environmental baseline studies, impact assessments, socio-economic considerations, environmental management plans and reclamation and closure plans which respond to the NIRB guidelines issued in October 2002.

“The filing of the draft EIS initiates the formal review process by NIRB and is a significant step in the permitting process for developing the Doris North Project” said Tony Walsh, Miramar’s President and CEO. “This should be the first mine developed where both surface and sub-surface rights are vested with Inuit and the first new gold mine in Nunavut. As a result, the project will generate direct benefits to the Inuit of the West Kitikmeot region and of Nunavut as a whole. We look forward to working with the various stakeholders in Nunavut affected by the proposed development”

The Doris North Project is being reviewed under a NIRB Part 5 review as provided under Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA). Miramar expects that NIRB’s review of the draft EIS will be completed within 60 days, following which Miramar will prepare the final EIS, that will include responses to matters raised through the NIRB review period. Miramar expects that all other required approvals including a Fisheries Act authorization and a Navigable Waters Act permit, will be coordinated with NIRB. During the 60 day NIRB review period, MHBL will continue its community consultation activities by visiting the communities of influence in the region, presenting the project as outlined in the draft EIS and soliciting comments and concerns. This feedback will be incorporated into the final EIS. Miramar will also be discussing with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association terms and conditions for the project’s Inuit Impacts and Benefits Agreement (“IIBA”).

“Miramar takes the protection of the environment very seriously. The Doris North project is designed to minimize the impact of the proposed project on the environment,” said Mr. Walsh.

Provided there are no delays, Miramar anticipates all necessary permits could be issued towards the end of 2003, allowing major equipment to be ordered soon thereafter. Assuming a positive production decision and necessary financing is obtained, underground development would then commence in mid-2004, with the major equipment and supplies mobilization scheduled for the third quarter of 2004 followed by site construction beginning late in the third quarter 2004. Process plant operations would then begin in the first quarter of 2005.

MHBL looks forward to working with NIRB, the Department of Fisheries and other agencies as we move the Doris North Project forward.

Additional Information

All information previously released on the Hope Bay Project is available at the company's website, <http://www.miramarmining.com/>.

Forward Looking Statements

Statements relating to planned work at the Hope Bay project and the expected scope, timing and results of this work including the proposed development of the Doris North project, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward looking statements are statements that are not historical facts and are generally, but not always, identified by the words "expects," "plans," "anticipates," "believes," "intends," "estimates," "projects" and similar expressions, or that events or conditions "will," "would," "may," "could" or "should" occur. Information inferred from the interpretation of drilling results and information concerning mineral resource estimates may also be deemed to be forward looking statements, as it constitutes a prediction of what might be found to be present when and if a project is actually developed. These forward-looking statements are subject to a variety of risks and uncertainties which could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements, including, without limitation: the possibility that required permits may not be obtained on a timely manner or at all, that adequate financing may not be available, the possibility that a positive production decision is not made and other risks and uncertainties, including those described in the Miramar's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2001 and Reports on Form 6-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Forward looking statements are based on the beliefs, estimates and opinions of Miramar's management on the date the statements are made. Miramar undertakes no obligation to update these forward-looking statements of management's beliefs and estimates or opinions or other factors should they change.

This news release has been authorized by the undersigned on behalf of Miramar Mining Corporation.

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Comment [HW1]: I do not think we need to state resources in this press release, it is specific to the permitting phase and resources, ounces, tonnes, grade etc are irrelevant in my mind. Should delete this whole paragraph.