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Via e-mail only

Ms. Stephanie Briscoe
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Nunavut Impact Review Board
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Dear Ms. Briscoe:

Re: **Doris North Project – Your File #02-MN-134**

This letter is the response of Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. (the "Proponent") to your letter of May 11, 2004 addressed to Glen Stephens, Manager, Environment DIAND / INAC and Collette Meloche, Environmental Assessment Specialist, EC respecting the Doris North Project (the "Project").

We believe that the information filed by the Proponent to date provides the Nunavut Impact Review Board ("NIRB") with ample information to enable it to discharge its mandate under section 12.2.2 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement ("NLCA") and under the letter from Minister Nault, P.C., M.P. dated August 27, 2002 referring the Project to NIRB under Article 12, Part 5 of the NLCA.

We have reviewed the letters from INAC and EC dated May 10 and 11, 2004 respectively. We will provide to NIRB supplemental information to address the issues raised in these letters, however, we do not believe that the information requested is material to NIRB discharging its mandate.

We note that no party has requested a delay in the scheduled hearing. We are confident that the Board will have all of the information it needs to consider the Project application and make a determination. The Proponent respectfully submits that NIRB should proceed with the final hearings to review the Doris North Project as currently scheduled.

Yours very truly,

MIRAMAR HOPE BAY LTD.

Original signed by "A. David Long"

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