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Richard Dwyer

## Licensing Trainee

Nunavut Water Board

Via email to:

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**RE: Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. Doris North Gold Project Application for a Type A Water License**

Dear Mr. Dwyer,

The Government of Nunavut Department of Environment (DOE) thanks Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to provide a written intervention for the final hearings on Miramar Hope Bay Ltd.s Type A water license application (attached). DOE's review has focused on those aspects of the Application which fall within our mandate under the *Environmental Protection Act* and associated regulations.

During this licensing review process and the NIRB review that preceded it, DOE identified a number of issues with the potential for contamination of the environment. However, we believe MHLB has provided us with sufficient information and assurance to address our substantive concerns. Our intervention identifies only minor issues that need to be addressed along with some recommended license terms and conditions. It is DOE's intention to present this information to the NRB at the Final hearing scheduled for August 13 to 15 in Cambridge Bay.

Also attached to this letter are summaries of our intervention in Inuinnaqtun and Inuktitut as requested by the Board in their June 21, 2007 letter to Parties.

Once again DOE thanks NWB for the opportunity to comment on MHLB's license application.

Yours sincerely

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