



**NUNAVUT TUNNGAVIK INC. PRESENTATION
NWB FINAL HEARING
(August 13–15, 2007 Cambridge Bay, Nunavut)
FOR THE
MIRAMAR HOPE BAY LTD.
DORIS NORTH GOLD PROJECT**

Good morning, my name is George Hakongak; I am the Senior Advisor, Environment, Water and Marine Management for the Department of Lands and Resources of Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated in Cambridge Bay.

To begin with, NTI would like to thank the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for the opportunity to participate in the final hearing addressing the Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. water license application for the Doris North Gold Project and to allow the views of Nunavut Tunngavik to be presented.

Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated along with the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) engaged Rescan Environmental to review the Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. water license application and guidelines as set out by the Nunavut Water Board.

The review carried out by Rescan Environmental is focused on evaluating the information submitted by Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. to determine the completeness and effectiveness of the proposed measures to ensure responsible environmental stewardship.

NTI recommends that the following issues be addressed through terms and conditions of a project certificate.

Critical Issues

The issues and concerns identified by NTI review fall into the following categories:

- *Those that need to be addressed prior to the acceptance of the water license application. Namely the Terms of the Water License and monitoring of the stations. NTI would like to see a 5 year water license as stated in the Rescan report.*
- *Those that need to be addressed and monitored during the duration of the mine life for effective environmental stewardship. Namely the monitoring of discharge water at first freshet from Tail Lake and hereafter.*

Monitoring Program

Issues identified in the category of monitoring cover broadly all stages of mine operation and mine life, and include aspects of the ecosystemic and socio-economic impacts of the project.

Additional Requirements

The proponent, in its Final submission and supplementary documents, has requested, from the various regulators clarification of the monitoring variables and directives required. NTI recommends that all the regulators involved in this project define their requirements for effective monitoring, and that NWB include these as part of the recommended terms and conditions for acceptance of the water license application.

In addition, the proponent has committed to various undertakings with regard to project design, impacts monitoring and mitigation issues raised previously by organizations and others. NTI would encourage the proponent to demonstrate its good corporate citizenship and environmental stewardship by living up to these commitments.

Conclusion

In closing, NTI is in support of the proposed water license application. NTI is encouraged by the progress made in the development of the application, and requests that the NWB incorporate the NTI's issues, as well as monitoring variables and directives defined by other regulators, into the terms and conditions for acceptance of the application. In addition, NTI encourages the proponent to operate and undertake its stewardship role within the letter and spirit of the NLCA.

Once again, thank you for providing NTI an opportunity to participate in the review of the Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. water license application. We look forward to hearing of the NWB's decisions on this matter and proceeding.

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