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June 8, 2001

By Telecopier (780) 424-7378 and E-mail

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Subject: Application for Amendment to Licence **NWB1LUP0008**

Dear Mr. Danyluk:

Further to your May 25, 2001 application for amendment to licence NWB1LUP0008 and our subsequent letter of May 30, 2001 to interested parties seeking comments on your application, the Nunavut Water Board hereby gives notice to Echo Bay Mines Ltd. and interested parties on the distribution list that it proposes to hold a one-day oral hearing in **Kugluktuk**, Nunavut, on **August 9, 2001** to receive submissions from Echo Bay Mines Ltd. and interested parties on your May 25th letter on this application.

The scope of this oral hearing will be limited to the determination of the amount of financial assurance required under **Part B, Item 2** of licence NWB1LUP0008, but it will NOT include its form or payment schedule. Additionally, the Board informs all parties that it will retain the services of Brodie Consulting Limited to review your application and provide independent expert advice.

The Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings*, a copy of which is available upon request, will govern the conduct of the hearing, including the service of documents and submissions to interested parties. The hearing will be conducted in both Inuinaqtun and English. Parties requiring simultaneous interpretation in another official language or needing special audio-visual equipment shall advise the Board's Licensing Administrator of their requirements **at least 15 days before the hearing**. Additionally, the deadline of June 29, 2001 to submit comments specified in our May 30, 2001 letter has been changed accordingly. Pursuant to the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearings*, a party who intends to rely on a written document at the hearing shall file the document on the NWB Public Register **at least fifteen days before the hearing** in order that it may be distributed to other Parties.

We are seeking your comments on these proposed procedures. Please reply in writing to the attention of Rita Becker, NWB Licensing Administrator, **no later than June 14, 2001**.

Finally, with respect to your request for a provisional deferment of security requirements under the current licence, I regret to inform you that the existing security provisions in Part B, Item 2 of the licence are in effect until the Board makes a decision on your application, and that in accordance with the same licence condition, **only** the Minister of DIAND can decide on the form of security and schedule of payment. However, the Board's recommendation to the Minister of DIAND referred to at page 30 of its June 30, 2000 decision to the effect that "...the security should be paid in installments so that the security expenditures can somewhat be synchronized with the operations of the mine..." is still applicable, but the Board cannot offer any new recommendation to the Minister on the merits of your request in the absence of receiving submissions from all parties on your application.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

c.c. Distribution List
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