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SUBJECT: Type "A" Water License Application for Lupin Mines Incorporated – Lupin Mine Project

Dear Mr. MacDonell:

The Nunavut Water Board (NWB) hereby acknowledges receipt, on January 15, 2008 of the above application for a water license. Your file number is quoted above. Please reference this number on all future correspondence.

The NWB by copy of this letter to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) we are asking our sister board to begin Environmental Assessment pursuant to Article 12 of the Nunavut Land Claim Agreement (NLCA). Section 12.3.5 of the NLCA states that "In absence of an approved land use plan, all project proposals other than those that fall within Schedule 12-1 shall be referred directly to NIRB for screening." If your application requires screening, the NWB in accordance with 39(1) of the Act may not issue, renew, or amend a licence until the NIRB has completed the screening and, where a review under Part 5 or Part 6 of the NLCA is required, issued a project certificate.

Regards,

*Original signed by:* 

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing

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