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**Subject:** Application Terms and Conditions for Zinifex Canada Inc's Lupin Mine Project (Care and Maintenance)  
**Attachments:** 080506\_99WR053\_Amendment Renewal Issued\_OT2E.pdf

Dear Honourable Chuck Strahl:

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) has completed a review of Zinifex Canada Inc's request to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) for a renewal of their water licence for their "Lupin Mine Project (Care and Maintenance)".

Please be advised that the NIRB received the following comments from Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, and Government of Nunavut – Department of Environment regarding the proposed renewal:

- Exposure of dry tailings to the surrounding environment, and potential for tailings to be spread by the wind and affecting water quality, vegetation and wildlife feeding on vegetation.
- Access of wildlife to the Tailings Containment Area and wildlife drinking out of the Tailings Containment Area.
- Continuance of the maintenance, monitoring and reporting of ongoing activities in support of closure and reclamation.
- Concerns with the 2008 Abandonment and Restoration Plan.

All commenting Parties indicated that their concerns and/or comments raised above can be addressed through the NWB water licensing phase.

After review of the project proposal, NIRB has determined that the renewal does not significantly change the general scope of the original project activities. Therefore, the NIRB is re-issuing the recommended Terms and Conditions contained in the November 16, 1999 Screening Decision (attached).

Best regards,

Leslie

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