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**Subject: Material for Lupin Water License Renewal Application**

In your e-mail dated October 25, 1999, you described which additional information you requested for the Lupin Mine Project from Echo Bay Mines due to its status as an 8-year licence. Please note that the current licence was only for a five-year term and that there is no guarantee as to the length of the renewal. This is one of the decisions made by the Nunavut Water Board upon granting a renewal.

Your first request was for information about operations. To fulfill this request, I am attaching a copy of (a) Echo Bay Mines Ltd. – Lupin Operation – General Information. Please note that the Lupin Mine has been in Care and Maintenance since January 1998. This situation relies on the gold prices; therefore, it is hard to predict. I am enclosing the (b) Highlights of the Change in Operation during Care and Maintenance from February 24, 1998, the (c) December 1997 Report on Closure Cost Estimate and Scoping of Mine Closure Issues, a (d) letter dated September 13, 1999 regarding the Lupin Closure Cost Estimate / Security, and the (e) Review of Lupin Closure Cost Estimate from December, 1998.

Your second request was for an update on current site conditions, as probably available in the most recent annual report. I am attaching a copy of the (f) 1998 Annual Report, Lupin Gold Mine as well as the (g) 1999 Geotechnical Inspection Preliminary Report and the (h) 1999 Geotechnical Inspection Report

Your third request was for the most recent abandonment and restoration plan, with information on securities. I am attaching a copy of the (i) Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan – Lupin Operation from 1996 with the (j) Addendum from 1998: Abandonment and Restoration Plan.

Your fourth request concerned the most recent spills and contingency plan. Please note that the most recent information about spills is available through the Spill Reporting Line at (867) 920-8130. The k) Contingency Plan is contained in a 3-ring binder. Please verify that Sustainable Developments does not currently have a copy of this. If not, let me know if you still want a copy of this lengthy document. I am including the (l) Addendum to the Contingency Plan from 1998 as well as a (m) letter dated February 28<sup>th</sup> from David Hohnstein concerning the Revisions to the approved Contingency Plan and Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan with Respect to Care and Maintenance

Your fifth and sixth request concerned human resources and communication information. This information is beyond the scope of information requested for a water licence. Please contact NIRB or Dave Hohnstein ([dhohnstein@lupin.echobay.com](mailto:dhohnstein@lupin.echobay.com)).

By way of this letter, I am asking the parties on this distribution list to contact me if they would like some or all of the above information as well. Please be specific and refer back to the specific letters above as to what information is required.

Please note that NIRB's screening is nearing completion and items 5 and 6 are addressed in their screening. Items 1 through 4 can be raised during the public hearing as Section 13.7.2 of the *Nunavut Lands Claims Agreement* states that the Nunavut Water Board shall hold a public hearing before approving any application.

Sincerely,

***Original signed by:***

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