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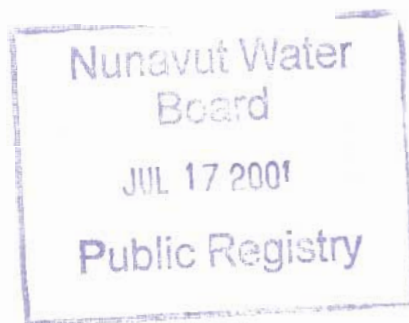
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Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Attention: Mr. Philippe di Pizzo

Dear Mr. di Pizzo:

**Subject: Echo Bay Mines Ltd. ("EBM")
Nunavut Water Board ("NWB")
Water Licence No. NWB1LUP0008 (the "Licence")
Our File: 125822-706 DRT**



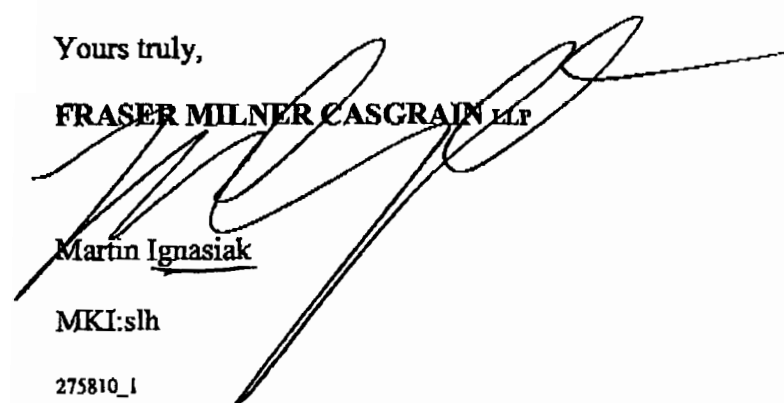
Thank you for your letter dated July 12, 2001.

Because certain EBM officials have been in transit throughout most of today we have been unable to finalize our response to your letter and we expect to provide you with same tomorrow.

I trust the above is satisfactory.

Yours truly,

FRASER MILNER CASGRAIN LLP


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