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SENT VIA E-MAIL: dhohnstein@lupin.echobay.com

Mr. David Hohnstein Environmental Coordinator, Lupin Echo Bay Mines Ltd. Bag No. 1 Nisku, AB TOC 2G0

Subject: Reopening of the Lupin Mine

Dear Mr. Hohnstein:

The Nunavut Water Board received the press release announcing that Echo Bay Mines Ltd. is reopening the Lupin Mine.

To reflect the change in operation from "production" to a care and maintenance" phase in January of 1998, we had requested revisions to the Contingency Plan and the Abandonment and Restoration Plan.

Due to the intended reopening of the mine, the Nunavut Water Board again requests Echo Bay Mines to submit modifications to the Contingency Plan as per Part F item 3 and to the Abandonment and Restoration Plan as per Part G item 3 of the licence. The modifications should reflect the changes in operation back to the "production phase."

In light of the application for the renewal of Lupin's water licence and the likelihood of a public hearing in the spring of 2000, it would be in the best interest of all parties that these modifications be submitted as soon as possible. Please let our office know when we can expect these modifications.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker Licensing Administrator

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