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**NWB1LUP0008/Part G/Item 1**

Via regular mail and email  
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Subject: Approval of Tailings Containment Area Management Report for the Lupin Mine, Nunavut

Dear Mr. Grudzinski:

On March 15, 2001, the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") received the report entitled, Tailings Containment Area Management Report for the Lupin Mine ("Report") from Echo Bay Mines Limited ("the Licensee"), which was pursuant to Part G, Item 1 of License NWB1LUP0008 ("License"). Subsequent to the Reports submission, the NWB distributed the Report for review by interested parties. No comments regarding the content of the Report were submitted to the NWB. Due to several reasons, the NWB was not able to examine and approve the Report until recently. The NWB expresses its apologies for that delay.

The NWB hereby approves the Report. The NWB, however, requests that an update be submitted because of the duration of time that has elapsed since the Reports March 2001 submission, as well as the recent changes in operational status at Lupin Mine to a Care and Maintenance scenario. This update will be required to be filed under Lupin's 2003 Annual Report, due March 31, 2004, pursuant to Part B, Item 5 of the License. The NWB requests that the following conditions be addressed in the update:

1. That the Licensee ensure that all components listed under Part G, Item 1 of the License be addressed in the update, particularly in regard to any changes that may have occurred to the Tailings Containment Area ("TCA") since March 2001.
2. That the Licensee provide details as to how the change in Lupin's operational status to one of Care and Maintenance may affect any of the components listed in Part G, Item 1.
3. That the Licensee ensures that a summary of any progressive reclamation activities carried out on the TCA since March 2001 be presented in the update.

4. That the Licensee includes a summary of any research or studies conducted on the TCA since March 2001.
5. That the Licensee ensure that information on the existing capacity of the TCA, as well as any details as to how it will be expanded should mining resume at Lupin, are provided in the update.

Should you have any questions on this matter, do not hesitate to contact Dionne Filiatrault, NWB Senior Technical Advisor, Patrick Duxbury, NWB Mine Reclamation Coordinator, or myself.

Yours truly,

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