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Your File: Water Register
NWB1LUP0008

Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
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Dear Sir:

**RE: KINROSS Gold Corporation (Echo Bay Mines Ltd.), Lupin Operation
Water License NWB1ULU0008, 2004 Annual Geotechnical Inspection**

As partial fulfillment of Part D, Item 6(g) of Water License NWB1LUP0008, please find attached 3 copies of the report “**2004 Geotechnical Inspection of Perimeter Tailings Dams; Lupin Mine, Nunavut**”.

This inspection was carried out by Mr. James W. Cassie, M.Sc., P.Eng. with BGC Engineering Inc. of Calgary, Alberta on September 8th and 9th, 2004. A site inspection memo was left with site staff outlining items requiring maintenance following the inspection visit.

The inspection confirmed that the perimeter dams are in good condition. The maintenance requirements identified were minor in nature, comprising grading of windrows formed on some dam crests and backfilling of some erosion gullies. The required actions identified in the report have been addressed and are summarized in the following table. As all repairs have been completed, the implementation plan as requested within Item 6(g) of the License is considered to have been completed within this report as there are no further items to be addressed.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this notification, please feel free to contact me at 780-890-8797 (Lupin), or email mike.tansey@kinross.com.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

C. M. Tansey
Reclamation Manager, Lupin

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3 copies of 2004 BGC Lupin Mine Geotechnical Report

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2004 GEOTECHNICAL INSPECTION FINDINGS SUMMARY AND RESPONSE

| <u>LOCATION</u> | <u>ISSUE</u> | <u>WORK COMPLETED</u> | <u>DATE COMPLETED</u> |
|-----------------|---|---|-----------------------|
| Dam 1A | Minor cracking adjacent to syphons Small sinkhole in access road | None required Backfilled | N/A Sep/04 |
| Dam 1C | Small sinkhole on downstream face | Backfilled | Sep/04 |
| Dam 4 | Erosional gullies on downstream face Windrows on crest edges | Backfilled with rip rap Graded out | Sep/04 Sep/04 |
| Dam 5 | Erosional gullies on downstream slope Windrows on crest edges | Backfilled with rip rap Graded out | Sep/04 Sep/04 |
| Dam 6 | Reduced freeboard due to cover on cell | Berm added to upstream edge of cell to control spring runoff | Sep/04 |