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Subject: Water Licence NWB1LUP0008 2004 Annual Report

Dear Mr. Tansey;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the timely submission of the Lupin Operations, 2004 Annual Report under Water License NWB1LUP0008, submitted by letter dated March 17, 2005.

Upon receipt, the 2004 Annual Report was reviewed internally for technical completeness and then distributed to interested persons for review and comment. There were no immediate concerns identified during this review period. The NWB has noted a few inconsistencies and clarification that is required.

These are as follows:

- i. Discharge from Station 925-14 began on June 26, 2004. Results for a sample obtained on June 29, 2004 are included in the summary table, Table No.2. The metals data for this Station are not found in the Lab Report included within the appendix. The lab report providing the results and the Quality Control information for the sample obtained on June 29, 2004 is required.
- ii. Quality Control data for samples obtained on August 4, 2004 and September 22, 2004 are required to be submitted to complete the Annual Report.
- iii. Under the approved Quality Assurance/Quality Control Plan for Licence NWB1LUP0008, a replicate sample is to be provided and analyzed for each data set, along with a field sample blank for verification of lab data and sampling consistency. These should be provided with the Report.

For completeness, the above information is requested to be submitted with the 2005 Annual Report as an appendix.

Under Item J of the Annual Report, a plan to carry out a Phase 2 environmental site assessment was identified as an activity for 2005. As per Part B, Item 5(k) of Licence NWB1LUP0008, the NWB

requests that a summary of the findings from the study be submitted with the 2005 Annual Report as part of the reclamation activities conducted during 2005.

With the above in mind, the NWB hereby accepts the 2004 Annual Report as submitted under Licence NWB1LUP0008.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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