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NWB1LUP0008/Part H/Item 1

Via regular mail and email
Motion Number 2003-10-12

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Subject: NWB Approval of Spill Contingency Plan for the Lupin Mine, Nunavut

Dear Mr. Grudzinski:

Pursuant to Part H, Item 1 of Water License NWB1LUP0008 ("License"), the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") received on December 22, 2000 a report entitled "Contingency Plan" by Echo Bay Mines Limited ("the Licensee"). Subsequent to receiving this report, the NWB distributed it to interested parties for review. One submission from Environment Canada, dated September 13, 2001 was received. For certain reasons the NWB did not have the opportunity to review and approve the Contingency Plan until recently. The NWB sincerely apologizes for the delay in the approval process.

The NWB hereby approves the Contingency Plan. However, due to recent operational changes at Lupin Mine which has left the site under a Care and Maintenance scenario, the NWB requests that the Contingency Plan be revised to reflect these changes and that it be resubmitted to the NWB, as is pursuant to Part H, Item 3 of the License. Beyond a general revision of the Contingency Plan, the Licensee is requested to specifically address the following issues:

1. That the telephone listing presented in Appendix 1 be completely revised to reflect the considerable changes that have occurred among personnel at the mine site since 2000. Contacts and phone number among Territorial and Federal regulators must be revised as well.
2. That, as requested by Environment Canada in its submission, the Contingency Plan should consider bioremediation as a treatment option to deal with hydrocarbon contaminated areas, or provide a rationale why it is not applicable to the Lupin Mine.

The NWB requests that the revised Contingency Plan be submitted to the NWB no later than 60 days from the date of this approval.

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,

Original signed by:

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