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By Email and Regular Mail

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Subject: Water Licence 2AM-LUP (previously NWB1LUP0008); 2006 Spill Contingency Plan Submission

Dear Mr. Tansey;

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge the receipt of the above document under Part H, Item 3 of Licence 1AM-LUP0008 on March 31, 2006. The Spill Contingency Plan (SCP) was distributed upon receipt for review and comment to interested persons with a submission deadline of June 19, 2006. The SCP was found to generally meet the requirements set out in the Licence under Part H, Item 1 and is hereby approved by the NWB under **Motion 2006-48**, dated **September 20, 2006**.

The review process determined that there were a few minor areas that should be addressed during the next review and submitted with the Annual Report as required under Part B, Item 5(h). They are as follows:

- i. Provide assurance that all contractors and subcontractors will maintain necessary environmental performance for their activities, similar to what is required for employees under the Kinross Gold Corporation Environmental Policy, under Section 1.5.
- ii. The Water Resources Inspector phone contact number should be revised to include the new number for the Inspector in Iqaluit, which is 867-975-4295 (previously 4298).
- iii. Section 2.3 states that several government departments are available with expert advice to assist in decision making where there are environmental concerns. This section should indicate the in-house expertise that is available. These agencies are not to be considered routine advisors. It is their responsibilities to ensure that the proponent fulfills their legal responsibilities with respect to environmental protection.
- iv. The scope and nature of the Spill Response training that is held by the person(s) in charge should be presented in the section on the Response Team Organization and responsibilities, Section 2.3 and 2.4. The person(s) responsible should have some formal training in spill response.

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

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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