

ECHO BAY MINES

Lupin Operation
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March 30, 2001

Nunavut Water Board
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Attention: Mr. Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

**RE: Echo Bay Mines Ltd., Lupin Mine Licence NWB1LUP0008
Abandonment and Restoration Plan**

Dear Sir:

Part I item 1 of the Lupin water licence specifies that an Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan be submitted by March 31, 2001. Unfortunately, we have encountered technical difficulties in the publication of the document. The two persons with the knowledge to overcome the problem are off site until mid April.

Consequently, I request that the submission date be extended to April 30, 2001. Please contact me if further information is required.

Sincerely,

Hugh Ducasse,
Manager, Loss Control and Environmental Affairs