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**NWB1LUP0008/Part I/Item 1**

Via regular mail and email

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Subject: NWB Request for Revisions to Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the Lupin Mine, Nunavut

Dear Mr. Grudzinski:

An Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan ("A&R Plan") for the Lupin Mine was approved by the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") following a public hearing held in 2001 on matters related to License NWB1LUP0008 ("License"). The NWB has been advised that since August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003 operations at the Lupin Mine have been suspended indefinitely. Given the changes in operational status at the Lupin Mine, the NWB requests that the A&R Plan be revised to reflect the current Care and Maintenance scenario. In addition to a general revision of the A&R Plan, the Licensee is requested to specifically address the following items in the revised A&R Plan:

1. A revised implementation schedule and update of any progressive reclamation activities completed to date.
2. Identification of any changes to the A&R Plan that have occurred since its submission in April, 2001.
3. Identification of any changes to the A&R Plan that have occurred as a result of studies undertaken concerning reclamation at Lupin Mine; particularly the proposed *Partially Saturated Granular Cover* concept.
4. An indication as to what activities cited in Section 3.2 (Long Term Shutdown) of the A&R Plan has already taken, or will take place.
5. An updated assessment of the current mine restoration liability using the current version of RECLAIM, or its equivalent, as required in Part I, Item 2 of the License.

The Licensee is reminded of the requirements cited in Part I, Item 3 of the License, which requires that at least three years prior to final abandonment, the Licensee shall submit to the NWB a Final Abandonment and Restoration Plan. As it appears that operations at Lupin Mine

may be heading towards closure, it is very important that the Licensee be aware of its obligations concerning the environmental restoration plan of the Lupin site. The NWB will continue to work with the Licensee, as well as the other environmental regulators involved to ensure that the A&R Plan is properly implemented.

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,

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