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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

May 31, 2005

File Number: NWB1LUP0008/TR/I,3

By email

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Subject: Submission of 2004 Final Abandonment and Restoration Plan – Lupin Mine

Dear Mr. Tansey:

On February 28, 2005 Kinross Gold Corporation (“Licensee”) submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) for approval the Final Abandonment and Restoration Plan (“A&R Plan”) for the Lupin Mine, in accordance with Water License NWB1LUP0008. In its submission to the NWB, the Licensee requested the NWB to proceed with the stand-alone approval of the reclamation measures proposed for the Tailings Containment Area, as outlined in Appendix 2 of the A&R Plan (Closure Plan for Tailings Containment Area. January 2005. I. Holubec Consulting Inc.) As per our letter of April 27, 2005, the NWB invited interested persons to make representations on your application before May 9, 2005. Representations were submitted by:

Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut, May 3, 2005

Indian and Northern Affairs Canada-Water Resources Division, May 9, 2005

Environment Canada, May 9, 2005

Fisheries and Oceans Canada, May 9, 2005

Kitikmeot Inuit Association, May 9, 2005

These representations, attached for your consideration, have also been placed on the NWB public registry and on the NWB ftp site at the following link:

<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1LUP0008%20Lupin/2004%20Final%20AR%20Plan/>. Before making a decision, the NWB would like to give Kinross the opportunity to respond to these submissions within 10 days from the date of this letter. If you require additional time, please notify the NWB as soon as possible.

Regards,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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