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Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Sir,

On February 28, 2005, Kinross Gold Corporation submitted an abandonment and restoration plan for the Lupin Mine to the Nunavut Water Board and INAC. The plan describes the reclamation activities and studies which have been performed to date, and those which will take place at the Lupin mine site over the next few years. A significant component of these activities is the remediation effort taking place in the Tailings Containment Area (TCA).

As noted in the cover letter submitted with the 2004 A & R Plan, Kitikmeot Corporation and Kinross Gold Corporation (KGC) have signed a memorandum of understanding to assess the feasibility and implementation plan for a sustainable business model that capitalizes on the economic opportunities that could be developed utilizing the infrastructure and strategic location of the Lupin mine site. The TCA is not a part of this business plan and reclamation of the area will continue as planned.

The remediation plan for the minesite is still in the conceptual stage and will be finalized following the environmental site assessment that will be conducted in the summer of 2005 and coupled with the final plans for potential transfer of the facilities to Kitikmeot Corporation.

In contrast, the remediation plan for the TCA is well documented and consistent with the progressive reclamation activities that have taken place on the TCA since 1988. Studies carried out in 2004 and documented in the A & R Plan Appendices, as well as the documentation contained in the annual reports to the Water Board, annual geotechnical reports and general observations over the past 16 years, indicate that this method of exposed tailings remediation effectively isolates the tails from the environment and provides a medium which is conducive to natural revegetation.

In order to expedite a decision on the remediation activities, Kinross feels that the minesite and TCA should be considered as separate entities for the remediation permitting process. The present conceptual nature of the minesite plan and the, as yet, unknown fate of the infrastructure due to the ongoing negotiations with Kitikmeot Corporation, will not be resolved until mid-year 2005. However, we believe that the Board has sufficient information to assess and approve the TCA remediation program.

Kinross submits this modification to the A & R Plan under Part I Section 5 of the Lupin water licence, to reflect the results of previous tailings reclamation activities and associated studies in support of this concept. Kinross requests that the Board provide an acknowledgement that this component of the plan is sufficient and to forward their approval to proceed with this plan so that continued progressive reclamation on the TCA can proceed this summer.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this request, please contact me at your convenience.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Taney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and a long, sweeping underline.

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