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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD

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April 27, 2005

File Number: NWB1LUP0008/TR/I,3

By email

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Subject: Submission of 2005 Final Abandonment and Restoration Plan – Lupin Mine

Dear Mr. Tansey:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of a letter dated April 21, 2005 from Kinross relating to the 2004 Final Abandonment and Restoration Plan (“the Plan”) which was filed with the NWB on February 28, 2005. This correspondence and the Plan were submitted as a requirement of Part I, Item 3 of water license NWB1LUP0008. This submission has been placed on the NWB public registry and is available from the NWB ftp site at:

<http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1LUP0008%20Lupin/2004%20Final%20AR%20Plan/> or by contacting our office.

The NWB will review the Lupin Mine A&R Plan submitted by Kinross and assess the adequacy of proceeding with the stand-alone approval of the reclamation of the Tailings Containment Area as proposed by Kinross. Before making a decision, the NWB invites interested persons, by copy of this letter to the distribution list appended hereto, to review Kinross’ request and A&R Plan and tell the NWB whether this option is adequate or not, with proper substantiation for either opinion. All representations to that effect must be submitted to the NWB by mail, fax or email **before 5:00 pm on May 9, 2005**. At the end of the review period, the NWB will review all submissions and make a decision on this request.

Finally, I would like to inform that the NWB plans to coordinate inasmuch as possible the review and approval of the Lupin Mine A&R Plan with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (“INAC”), which must also approve the A&R Plan as it relates to land leases. This collaboration will be subject to our respective jurisdictions and authorities, and details of the approval process will be determined in due time after the May 9, 2005 deadline.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Regards,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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