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Dear Mrs. Beaulieu:

RE: Abandonment & Reclamation of Lupin Mine Tailings Containment Area

The Department of Environment (DoE) has reviewed the letter from Kinross regarding the Abandonment and Restoration of Lupin mine, and the subsequent letter outlining the process from Nunavut Water Board.

DoE agrees with the proposal to proceed with the Abandonment & Reclamation (A&R) of the tailings containment area, provided Kinross can demonstrate how the two A&R plans can be isolated. They must ensure that the ongoing activities in the mine site do not affect the tailings area and vice versa; after the tailings area has been reclaimed.

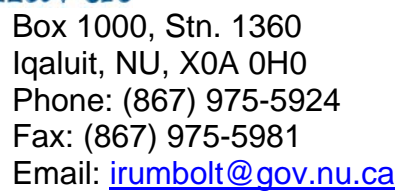
DoE would like to see documented evidence that indicates that the process of separating the tailings containment area and the rest of the mine site can be achieved using proven technologies, and that there will be no unforeseen impacts occurring later on in the reclamation phase.

We thank the NWB for giving us the opportunity to review and provide our comments regarding the A&R Plan for the Tailings Containment Area. Please contact me if you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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