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By email

Mike Tansey, P.Eng Reclamation Manager, Lupin Kinross Gold Corporation 9818 Edmonton International Airport Edmonton, AB T5J 2T2

Email: mike.tansey@kinross.com

Subject: Lupin Mine Class "B" Water License

Dear Mr. Tansey:

Please find attached a letter dated September 12, 2005 from Carl MacLean, DIAND Director of Operations, to the Nunavut Water Board, outlining the position of DIAND with respect to Kinross' application for a Type "B" license to replace the current Type "A" license for the Lupin Mine.

As indicated earlier, the NWB is of the opinion that both your application for the cancellation of the present Type "A" license and the issuance of a Type "B" water license are exempt from screening, as per the provisions of the NWT Waters Regulation. However, in light of DIAND's position, the NWB would like to give Kinross the opportunity to review DIAND's correspondence and submit your opinion on the requirement for a NIRB environmental screening. Please submit your response on or before September 30, 2005.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu Manager of Licensing