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By Email (Original to follow by Mail)

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Subject: Review Technical Review comments from the Parties

Dear Mr. Tansey,

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has received written submissions regarding an application by Kinross Gold Corporation to cancel licence number NWB1LUP0008 and replace it with a new Type B water licence. Your application included a document titled "Abandonment and Restoration Plan for the Tailings Containment Area at the Lupin Mine, June 2005" submitted in support of this application and as a requirement of INAC Land Lease 76/14-1-9. Since INAC must also grant approval of the abandonment and reclamation of the mine site, both the NWB and INAC will be coordinating their respective review and approval process in order to eliminate duplication.

Submissions were received from:

1. Department of Environment-Government of Nunavut: Letter from Mike Atkinson to Phyllis Beaulieu dated October 5, 2005, (6 p.);
2. Indian and Northern Affairs Canada: Letter from Jim Rogers to Philippe di Pizzo dated October 26, 2005, (20 p.);
3. Acres International Limited: Letter from Ramli Halim to Dionne Filiatrault dated October 28, 2005 (9 p.);
4. Fisheries and Oceans Canada: Letter from Tania Gordanier to Phyllis Beaulieu dated October 31, 2005 (3 p.);
5. Environment Canada: Letter from Colette Spaguolo to Phyllis Beaulieu dated October 31, 2005 (6 p.); and
6. Kitikmeot Inuit Association: Memo from Geoffrey Clark to Phyllis Beaulieu dated November 2, 2005 (2 p.).

These submissions have been placed on the NWB Public Registry and are available on the NWB's FTP SITE at <http://ftp.nunavut.ca/nwb/NWB1%20MINING/NWB1LUP0008%20Lupin/2005%20Final%20AR%20Plan/>

Before making a decision on the next step, the NWB and INAC would like to give you the opportunity to comment on those submissions. We are also proposing to hold a technical meeting, at date and location convenient to KGC and other interested parties, to discuss technical matters in preparation of a public hearing. At this time, please inform the undersigned of your anticipated time frame to respond to the submissions made by interested parties, and preferred dates for the proposed technical meeting.

Finally, with respect to the cancellation of licence number NWB1LUP0008 and its replacement with a new Type B water licence, it is the intention of the NWB to transfer all terms and conditions of the current Type A

licence, including the obligation of KGC to post and maintain security for the full amount of the estimated reclamation costs related to the whole Lupin mine site, to the new Type B licence. The cancellation of licence NWB1LUP0008 will be subject to the approval of the Minister of INAC before becoming effective.

Any questions regarding these matters may be directed to Spencer Dewar or Dionne Filiatrault.

Sincerely,

Original Signed by:

Dionne Filiatrault, P. Eng.,
Director Technical Services NWB

Obligation Signed by:

Spencer Dewar,
Manager Land Administration INAC

cc. Lupin Distribution List.