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January 8, 2004

Via regular mail and email

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Subject: NWB Review of the 2002 & 2003 Annual Geotechnical Inspection Reports for Lupin Mine, Nunavut

Dear Mr. Grudzinski:

On October 14, 2002, the Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") received a report entitled 2002 Geotechnical Inspection of Perimeter Tailings Dams from Echo Bay Mines Limited ("the Licensee"), which was pursuant to Part D, Item 6(g) of License NWB1LUP0008 ("License"). On September 23, 2003, the NWB received from the Licensee, a report entitled, 2003 Geotechnical Inspection of Perimeter Tailings Dams and Waste Containment Dykes, which was also pursuant to Part D, Item 6(g) of the License. Both reports were subjected to an internal review by the NWB's consultant, Ramli Halim, Senior Geotechnical Engineer, Acres International Limited. Mr. Halim's reviews have been sent as attachments to this letter for the Licensee's consideration.

The two reports submitted by the Licensee do not require NWB approval, however the Licensee is encouraged to review the comments provided in Mr. Halim's reviews. Should the Licensee wish to respond to the comments, it is suggested that the response be filed in the forthcoming 2003 Annual Report, due March 31st, 2004, pursuant to Part B, Item 5 of the License.

Should you have any questions on this matter, do not hesitate to contact Dionne Filiatrault, NWB Senior Technical Advisor, Patrick Duxbury, NWB Mine Reclamation Coordinator, or myself.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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