



Lupin Operation

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Executive Director
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by email

Dear Sir:

**RE: Kinross Gold Corporation, Lupin Mine, Contwoyto Lake, NU.
Water License NWB1LUP0008
Response to 2006 Annual Geotechnical Report**

As required by Part D, Item 6(g) of the Lupin Water License NWB1LUP0008, below is the response to the Engineer's recommendations resulting from the 2006 Geotechnical Inspection carried out by BGC Engineering on the perimeter dams in the Lupin Tailings Containment Area.

The inspection confirmed that the perimeter dams are in good condition. The maintenance requirements identified were minor in nature, comprising backfilling and grading of some erosion gullies, and dealing with a thin layer of tails evident at the base of Dam 2. The required actions identified in the report have been addressed and are summarized below.

- Dam 1A: No maintenance required
- Dam 1B: No maintenance required
- Dam 1C: No maintenance required
- Dam 2: No maintenance required
- Dam 3: No maintenance required
- Dam 4: The crest at the west abutment was graded and the erosional gullies on the downstream slope were backfilled, as recommended.
- Dam 5: The dam crest was graded and the erosional gully was backfilled, as recommended.
- Dam 6: No maintenance required. The photo below shows the small pond noted in the inspection report. With the spring freshette or heavy rain, it will not overtop Dam 6 but, rather, run to the north (right) onto the covered Cell 3. There has been no evidence of overtopping since the south edge of Cell 3 was contoured in September 2005.



As all repairs have been completed, the implementation plan as requested within Item 6(g) of the License is also considered to have been completed.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please contact:
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Respectfully submitted,

signed by

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