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By Email and Regular Mail

Mr. Michael Tansey
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**Subject: Echo Bay Mines Ltd; Water Licence No. NWB1LUP0008 Monthly Reports:
October/November/December**

Dear Mr. Tansey:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has reviewed the Monthly SNP Reports for October, November and December 2004 that have been submitted under Water License NWB1LUP0008. The Monthly Reports were made available to interested persons for review and comment during the period February 9th through February 23rd, 2004. There were no concerns with the reports to be noted at this time.

There is currently no additional information being requested with respect to these submissions. You will be notified if further information or clarification is required. The NWB anticipates receipt of the 2004 Annual Report, which is due no later than March 31st following the calendar year being reported.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

David Hohnstein, C.E.T.
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