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Mr. Mark Sander
President
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Dear Mr. Sander:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2017, requesting that I defer my decision as to whether to approve the Nunavut Water Board's water licence amendment for the Lupin Gold Mine Project, which I received on March 29, 2017.

At this time, the statutory options available to me under the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* are to either approve or to not approve the Board's decision. My decision is based on the Board's reasons for decision and accompanying copy of the amended licence. Unfortunately, the statute does not allow me to consider any new information outside of the documents provided to me by the Board.

To that end, I intend to render my decision in accordance with the statutory requirements and within the prescribed timelines. Should you find issue with the terms and conditions of your water licence, I would recommend that you contact the Nunavut Water Board or appropriate departmental officials.

Sincerely,

Hon. Carolyn Bennett, M.D., P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Hunter Tootoo, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Peter Taptuna, M.L.A.
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