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Mr. Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson
Nunavut Water Board
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Dear Mr. Kabloona:

Thank you for your letter of March 28, 2017, which I received on March 29, 2017, conveying the Nunavut Water Board's reasons for decision and recommendation that I approve the amendment of type A water licence 2AM-LUP1520 concerning Lupin Mines Incorporated's Lupin Gold Mine Project.

I am pleased to inform you that I have approved the amended water licence as recommended by the Nunavut Water Board. The signed original is enclosed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Bennett'.

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

Encl.

c.c.: Mr. Stanley Anablak
Ms. Karyn Lewis

Licence No. 2AM-LUP1520 – Amendment No.1

LICENCE AMENDMENT No. 1

Licensee:	Lupin Mines Incorporated
Licence No:	2AM – LUP1520, Type "A"
Licence Issued:	August 19, 2015
Licence Expiry:	August 18, 2020
Amendment No. 1 Effective Date:	March 28, 2017

Pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada and the Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, with respect to an application by Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC), dated January 22, 2016, to amend the security provisions under Part C, Item 1 of Licence No 2AM-LUP1520, the Nunavut Water Board hereby grants the following Licence amendment.

The Licence, issued August 19, 2015 with an expiry date of August 18, 2020 shall be amended to include the following, with respect to the use of Waters and/or the Deposit of Waste at the Lupin Mine, located in the Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut, at the following general geographic coordinates: Latitude 65° 46' N and Longitude 111° 14' W.

PART C **CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SECURITY**

Amend Item 1 to Read:

The Licensee shall, within sixty (60) days following the approval of Amendment No. 1 to Licence No. 2AM-LUP1520 by the Minister, furnish and maintain reclamation security with the Minister in the amount of \$34.65 million dollars, in a form that is satisfactory to the Minister and consistent with the Act.

PART I **CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT, RECLAMATION, AND CLOSURE PLANNING**

Amend Item 2 to Read:

The Licensee shall, within ninety (90) days following the approval, by the Minister, of Amendment No. 1 to Licence No. 2AM-LUP1520, submit to the Board for approval, an updated version of the Plan entitled *Interim Abandonment and Restoration Plan*, dated March 2016, to supersede the version approved under Part 1, Item 1. The updated Plan shall take into consideration the *Mine Site Reclamation Guidelines for the Northwest Territories* (INAC, 2007) and the *Mine Site Reclamation Policy for Nunavut* (INAC, 2002), and address the following:

- a. Inclusion of executive summaries in English and Inuktitut for the Plan and relevant documents associated with the Plan;
- b. Revision to the effective date of the Plan;
- c. Inclusion of updated information for expired mineral and surface leases listed in Section 2.2, Table 1, of the Plan;

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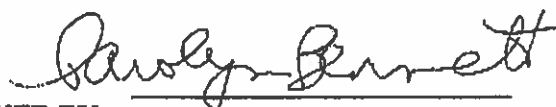
- d. Section 2.5, Table 2, of the Plan should include precipitation data for recent years if available. The last year of entry was 2006;
- e. Section 2.5, Table 3, of the Plan should include monthly rainfall data for recent years if available. The last year of entry was 2006;
- f. Inclusion of updated information in Section 5 of the Plan (Abandonment and Reclamation Plan History) to reflect any recent abandonment and reclamation activities conducted and not documented in the Plan;
- g. Inclusion of details in Section 7.1.3 of the Plan to address any progressive reclamation that occurred subsequent to submission of the March 16, 2016 version of the Plan;
- h. Updates, where applicable, to studies and related documents contained in Appendices A, B, C, D, E, F, G and H of the Plan.;
- i. Inclusion of detail regarding any changes in ownership of the Project undertaking;
- j. Inclusion of details regarding any changes to water and waste management structures to reflect ongoing or progressive closure and reclamation activities; and,
- k. Inclusion of the updated reclamation amount posted for security with the Minister, under this amendment.

All remaining terms and conditions of Type "A" Water Licence No. 2AM-LUP1520, issued on August 19, 2015 remain applicable.

This Licence Amendment No.1 issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven, NU, on March 28, 2017 under Motion No. 2016-17-P11-06.



Thomas Kabloona
Chairperson, Nunavut Water Board



APPROVED BY: Carolyn Bennett
Minister, Indigenous and
Northern Affairs Canada

DATE:

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