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Dear Sirs:

Re: Meadowbank Gold Mine Project and the Duty to Implement the Requirements of the Keewatin Regional Land Use Plan (KRLUP), Approved by the Governor in Council for Canada and Executive Council for Nunavut in June, 2000

Further to the February 9 e-mail notice provided by Commission counsel, I am writing to remind you that the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA)* and its ratification legislation require all agencies having approval-issuance authority in connection with the Meadowbank Gold Mine Project to implement the requirements of the *KRLUP* by means of their approvals.

By "Meadowbank Gold Mine Project", I am referring to the project described in the project certificate issued by the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) on December 30, 2006.

Under the *NLCA*, the requirements of approved land use plans extend to Inuit Owned Lands (IOLs). Accordingly, the *KRLUP*'s requirements apply fully to both Crown Land and IOL components of this project. The *KRLUP*'s requirements govern the use of both land and water, including marine areas, where applicable.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC, or Commission) notified lead agencies of the implementation duty that was triggered by approval of the KRLUP and its neighbouring plan, the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan, by letter dated June 15, 2000. All relevant agencies also should have received the NPC's conformity determinations made in connection with the Meadowbank project. Each determination identifies the applicable plan requirements. For your convenience, attached is the list of these requirements. If your staff wish to discuss how best to implement these requirements, please have them contact the Commission's Director of Regional Planning, Brian Aglukark, at aglukark@npc.nunavut.ca by telephone at (867) 857 2242.



As you know, the duty to implement the requirements of approved land use plans also applies to projects that do not go to public review under Article 12 of the *NLCA*. The Meadowbank project is highlighted now because this is the first occasion on which a NIRB project certificate has been issued in a region of Nunavut having an approved land use plan, and the relevant approval agencies are examining the Meadowbank project in the light of NIRB's certificate. It is timely to remind all agencies responsible that their duty to implement land use plan requirements operates in concert with their duty respecting NIRB project certificates.

Also, please be reminded that section 12.9.10 of the *NLCA* provides that the NPC is to receive copies of all approvals, regulatory or otherwise, in connection with projects for which NIRB has issued a project certificate. Please forward a copy of the approval issued by your office to the NPC as soon as possible after issuance.

Yours truly,

Ron Roach, Chairperson,

Nunavut Planning Commission

Enc. List of applicable KRLUP requirements

Cc. Ms. Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director, Nunavut Impact Review

Board

Mr. Craig Goodings, Meadowbank Mining Corporation

APENDIX

DIAND Caribou Protection Measures

- 1. (a) The Permittee shall not, without approval, conduct any activity between May 15 and July 15 within the Caribou Protection Areas depicted on the map certified by the Engineer as the "Caribou Protection Map" and annexed to this Land Use Permit.
 - (b) A Permittee may, upon approval by the Land Use Inspector, operate within the said Caribou Protection Areas beyond the May 15 deadline set out in 1(a), provided that, when monitoring information indicates that caribou cows are approaching the area of operation, the Permittee will implement 1(c).
 - (c) On cessation of activities pursuant to 1(a) or 1(b), the Permittee will remove from the zone all personnel who are not required for the maintenance and protection of the camp facilities and equipment, unless otherwise directed by the Land Use Inspector.

- (d) The Permittee may commence or resume activities prior to July 15 within those parts of the Caribou Protection Areas released by the Land Use Inspector for the reason that caribou cows are not expected to use those parts for calving or post-calving (note 1).
- (a) In the event that caribon cows calve outside of the Caribon Protection Areas, the Permittee shall suspend operations within the area(s) occupied by cows and/or calves between May 15 and July 15.
 - (b) In the event that caribou cows and calves are present, the permittee shall suspend:
 - (i) blasting:
 - (ii) overflights by aircraft at any altitude of less that 300 meters above ground level; and
 - (iii) the use of snowmobiles and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) outside the immediate vicinity of the camp.

NOTE

- 1. The Land Use Inspector's decision will be based on the existing caribou information.
- 2. Concentrations of caribou should be avoided by low-level al craft at all times.

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- (a) During migration of caribon, the Permittee shall not locate any operation so as to block or cause substantial diversion to migration.
 - (b) The Permittee shall cease activities that may interfere with migration, such as airborne geophysics surveys or movement of equipment, until the migrating caribon have passed.
- 4. (a) The Permittee shall not, between May 15 and September 1, construct any camp, cache any fuel, or conduct any blasting within 10 kilometres of any "Designated Crossing" as outlined on the map certified by the Engineer as the "Caribou Protection Map" and annexed to this Land Use Permit.
 - (b) The Permittee shall not, between May 15 and September 1, conduct any diamond drilling operation within 5 kilometres of any "Designated Crossing" as outlined on the map certified by the Engineer as the "Caribou Protection Map" and annexed to this Land Use Permit.

KIA Sample Land Use Permit Caribou and Muskox Protection Conditions

- 35. The Permittee is given permission to conduct the approved land use operations between May 15 and July 15, provided that when caribou and muskox cows are approaching the area of operation, the Permittee shall cease blasting, overflights by aircraft at any altitude less than 300 meters above ground level, and the use of snowmobiles and ATVs (all-terrain vehicles) outside the immediate vicinity of the camp. Other activities shall also be suspended if caribon approach the immediate vicinity of the specific operation and the monitoring work (described in another clause) indicates that there is stress on the animals.
- 36. During the presence of caribou and muskox within sight and sound of a camp, all personnel will remain quietly in camp.
- 37. The Permittee may resume activities prior to July 15 if the caribou and muskox cows have ceased to use the area for calving and post-calving.
- The Permittee shall not locate any operation so as to block or cause substantial diversion to migration of caribou.

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APPENDIX II DIAND CARIBOU PROTECTION MEASURES

- 40. The Permittee shall cease activities that may interfere with migration or calving, such as airborne geophysics surveys or movement of equipment, until the migrating caribon have passed.
- 41. The Permittee shall not conduct any operation within 5 km of any "Designated Crossing" as outlined on the map annexed to this Land Use Permit.

From KIA Land Use Permit BHP 197C141

APPINDIX 6

Code of Good Conduct for Land Users

- The landscape of each camp and other land use sites will be restored to its original condition to the greatest degree possible. Water quality will be preserved, and no substances that will impair water quality will be dumped in water bodies. When possible and feasible, old sites will be restored to the natural state.
- All land users shall assist communities and government(s) in identifying and protecting archaeological sites and carving-stone sites, as required by law.
- 3. Generally, low-level flights by aircraft at less than 300 metres should not occur where they will disturb wildlife or people. If such flights are necessary, they should only take place after consultation with the appropriate communities. All land users are responsible for reporting to the land managers any illegal or questionable low-level flight.
- All activities on the land will be conducted in such a fashion that the renewable resources of the area in question are conserved.
- Whenever practicable, and consistent with sound procurement management, land users

will follow the practice of local purchase of supplies and services.

- Land users will establish working relationships with local communities and respect the traditional users of the land.
- 7. During the caribou calving, post-calving and migrating seasons, land use activities should be restricted to avoid disturbing caribou, in general, and activities will be governed more specifically by caribou protection measures such as those contained in Appendix H.
- Artifacts must be left where they are found. All land users are responsible for reporting the location of, or any removal or disturbance of, artifacts to CLEY.
- 9. The mining industry is encouraged to assist in identifying local carving-stone deposits and report any discoveries to KIA. Industry is also encouraged to identify and report old waste sites that need to be cleaned up.
- 10. All land users shall obey the laws of general application applying to land use.

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