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RE: Request for Representatives to Attend the Nunavut Impact Review Board Final Hearings for the Doris North Gold Project and the Meadowbank Gold Project

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is writing to request representation from Health Canada (HC) at the upcoming Final Hearings for the Doris North Gold Project and the Meadowbank Gold Project.

NIRB appreciates the work of the representatives of HC throughout the NIRB's impact review processes. For both the Doris North and the Meadowbank Gold Projects, there are a number of important matters, such as air quality, noise management, drinking water quality, country food issues, and socio-economic issues where the evidence and perspective provided by witnesses from HC is critical to NIRB's decision making. Therefore, the possible absence of HC representatives at the upcoming Final Hearings causes NIRB some concern and is the key reason why this letter is being written.

To alleviate this concern, NIRB asks that you confirm with NIRB the attendance of HC representatives for the Doris North Project Final Hearing scheduled for January 30 to February 3, 2006 in Cambridge Bay and the Meadowbank Gold Project Final Hearing scheduled for March 27 to March 31 in Baker Lake, Chesterfield Inlet and Rankin Inlet. NIRB would appreciate a reply to this request, directed to the attention of Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director, by **January 23, 2006**. Should you have any questions regarding this request, or you are unable to reply by this date, please contact Ms. Briscoe.

Concurrently, we wish to remind all of the Parties that their evidence is equally important and all are expected to have appropriate witnesses available for these hearings.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Copland
Acting Chair, Nunavut Impact Review Board
cc. Honourable Andy Scott, Minister Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
Ms. Stephanie Briscoe, Executive Director, Nunavut Impact Review Board
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