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April 29, 2005

*By Email and Regular Mail*

Mr. John Wakeford  
Vice President, Exploration  
Miramar Mining Corporation  
#300, 889 Harbourside Drive  
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**Subject: Water Licence NWB1BOS0106 Amendment Application for a Solid Waste Disposal Site**

Dear Mr. Wakeford:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") would like to acknowledge receipt of a letter dated June 28, 2004 from Mr. Hugh Wilson, Manager, Environmental Affairs for Miramar Mining Corporation (Miramar Hope Bay Limited; MHBL) in response to the NWB letter noting deficiencies under Parts F and J of the Licence with respect to the above application.

In reviewing Mr. Wilson's letter which responded to the deficiencies of the application, there were several items that had been deferred until a "Final Landfill Design" was completed. These included:

- i. Final design of the facility;
- ii. Reassessment of the total capacity of waste material from other potential nearby exploration projects;
- iii. Review of local topographical information to assess surface drainage for water management;
- iv. Availability and suitability of material to be used for construction and ongoing cover;
- v. The availability of the rock crusher or alternate for processing waste cover material;
- vi. Identification of the cause of the slope failure on the east berm wall of Settling Pond No.2;
- vii. Review of hydrogeological information for design of the landfill;
- viii. Further information is required on the design of the landfill to incorporate a geosynthetic liner;
- ix. Operational criteria; ash characterization, ground water monitoring program;
- x. Operation and Maintenance manual to be developed;
- xi. Abandonment and reclamation of the SWDS;

In the final paragraph of the response letter, MHBL indicated that an Engineered design complete with construction drawings of the landfill containment, liner and leachate drainage system and surface water drainage could be expected within six (6) weeks, dependent on MHBL's decision to proceed. To this date, the NWB has not received a follow-up to this letter. The NWB requests that MHBL indicate in

writing, their intention on whether the project will be proceeding and if so, the expected timeframe for receipt of the Final Design Report along with the proposed start of the construction. Please keep in mind and be advised, that once the Final Design Report has been received, the Board will require at least 60 days to process the submission and approve.

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please feel free to contact me at (780) 443-4406, at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

*Original signed by:*

David Hohnstein, C.E.T.  
Technical Advisor Mining

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