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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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NWB File NO: NWB1BOS9801

March 26, 2001

Mr. Hugh R. Wilson, Manager-Environmental Affairs
Hope Bay Joint Venture
311 West First Street
North Vancouver, BC V7M 1B5

Subject: Application for the Renewal of Licence NWB1BOS9801

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On February 6, 2001, the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) received an application from Hope Bay Joint Venture (HBJV) to renew licence NWB1BOS9801. This licence authorizes HBJV to use water and dispose of waste into water for mining exploration and associated uses at Boston Gold Project until July 31, 2001.

We note that the application (Supplementary Questionnaire: page 16) indicates that Abandonment and Restoration (AR) activities have been carried out during the 2000 program. Accordingly, the Board requests that the AR plan including the cost estimate to carry out the plan be revised and submitted to the Board on or before **May 31, 2001**.

As required by Section 13.5.1 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), your application was sent to the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) for screening determination. In its decision of March 8, 2001, the NIRB determined that the application could be processed without a review under Part 5 or 6 of Article 12.

In accordance with S. 13.7.2 of the NLCA, the NWB shall hold a public hearing before approving any application. In view of this, the Board hereby gives notice to all parties that it intends to hold a one-day public hearing in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on July 11, 2001. However, the Board *may* decide to waive the requirements for a public hearing if no interventions are received at the Board's Gjoa Haven office by **5 p.m. on June 25, 2001**.

In preparation for this public hearing, the Board will hold a pre-hearing conference on May 16, 2001 in Cambridge Bay (NTI/KIA Boardroom), the purpose of which is to discuss procedural matters and to define, with the assistance of all parties, the scope of the hearing and identify inasmuch as possible the substantive issues that will be the object of the hearing.

In order to plan the logistical aspects of the May 16 pre-hearing, we invite all parties to register their attendance with the undersigned by telephone, telecopier or email (rbecker@polarnet.ca) at least ten days before the pre-hearing. The conduct of both the pre-hearing meeting and the public hearing, including the service of documents to interested parties, shall be held in accordance with the Board's *Rules of Practice and Procedure for Public Hearing*, a copy of which can be obtained by contacting me directly.

Comments regarding these proposed procedures shall be submitted to the Board no later than **April 2, 2001**.

Sincerely,

Rita Becker
Licensing Administrator

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