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Mr. Philippe di Pizzo  
Executive Director  
Nunavut Water Board  
P.O. Box 119  
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Dear Sir:

**Re: NWB1BOS9801 Renewal Application:  
KIA Submissions on Hearing Process**

The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) has reviewed the revised Abandonment and Restoration (A&R) Plan filed by the applicant Hope Bay Joint Venture (HBJV) May 23, 2001. We have had the opportunity as well to have our consultants review the acid rock drainage information provided by the HBJV and the Board and to provide advice to KIA thereon. Below are our submissions with respect to the nature of the hearing (oral or written) and with respect to hearing issues.

**1. The Nature of the Hearing:**

KIA is satisfied that the issues raised by the applicant's request for licence renewal and for changes to their security deposit based on their revised A&R Plan can be resolved by way of a written process. Likewise, our analysis indicates that acid rock drainage is not presently a serious issue and KIA is satisfied to deal with that matter in written form as well. It does not currently appear to KIA that there are any other issues to be dealt with in this licence renewal proceeding which would require an oral hearing before the Nunavut Water Board.

**2. Issues for the Hearing:**

KIA wishes to ensure that the following issues are dealt with in the hearing:

- a) The HBJV proposal for a reduction in the amount of security held under the water licence.
- b) Concerns raised by KIA's consultants about pH neutral leaching of metals, arsenic, nickel and possibly antimony from waste rock at the site.

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- c) The need for amendments to the SNP network to monitor metal leaching from waste rock piles.
- d) Other matters such as the licence term, and any the terms and conditions of the licence raised in the hearing.

KIA's consultants were on site this week, conducting an inspection and sampling water. We have not yet received a full report from that inspection. We may have other concerns to bring to the Board's attention once the inspection is complete. If new concerns are raised we will do so in the very near future. We are, however, content to deal with anything that may arise in a written format.

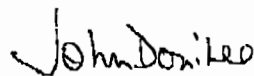
### 3. The Hearing Process:

KIA urges the Board to structure the written hearing so that any new evidence or analysis relevant to hearing issues can be filed first. We would like at least three weeks to prepare this submission so that we can include any information provided by our consultants. Once this is done, all the parties should all file and exchange their written briefs simultaneously. This should save time. A short period should be allowed to provide the opportunity for any parties so inclined to reply. The last opportunity to respond and close should go to the applicant.

If there are any questions arising from this submission please contact the writer directly.

Yours truly,

**GULLBERG, WIEST,  
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