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NWB File No: NWB2ASH

July 25, 2003

Mr. David Willis, Land Administrator
Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd.
Unit 123 – 930 West 1st Street
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3N4

Re: Request for Additional Information

Dear Mr. Willis:

The Nunavut Water Board is presently completing the review of your combined water licence application NWB2ASH for the renewal of NWB2EOK0103, NWB2KIG0002, NWB2KLA0103, NWB2RIC0205, and NWB2VAN0205. Please be advised that a number of questions concerning the proposed activities have arisen, and it has been determined that additional information is required to complete the review process. Please forward, at your earliest convenience, the following:

1. A Project map, clearly showing the location of all camps (both established and proposed) and currently established fuel caches. Camp and fuel cache locations should be symbolically indicated, and the corresponding GPS coordinates (in degrees, minutes and seconds of latitude and longitude) provided. Additionally, please differentiate between camps that are: (a) currently established and presently in operation; (b) currently permitted but not presently in operation; and (c) proposed.
2. The amounts of water that will be utilized during summer and winter drilling operations. Additionally, please provide any proposed methods of water conservation to be undertaken. The information presently under review does not differentiate between the volume of water requested for summer and winter drilling operations, nor does it describe any efforts that will be undertaken with regards to water resource conservation. While the amount requested (60,000 L/24 hr period) may be appropriate for winter drilling conditions that preclude re-circulation, summer conditions more conducive to re-circulation procedures should allow for a reduction in the amounts of water required, and a corresponding reduction in the volume of wastewater generated.

Thank you for your prompt provision of the information required to complete the water license application review process. Please contact the undersigned at (867) 983-2214 or by email at nwb1@nwb.nunavut.ca with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Jim Wall
Technical Advisor