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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

NWB File No: NWB2ASH

May 23, 2003

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

Re: Application Acknowledgement and Requirement for Notice of the Application for the Combined Kitikmeot Renewal applications

Dear Mr. Willis:

The Nunavut Water Board acknowledges receipt on April 14, 2003 of your combined water licence application NWB2ASH for the renewal of NWB2EOK0103, NWB2KIG0002, NWB2KLA0103, NWB2RIC0205, and NWB2VAN0205. Your application included the following items:

- preliminary letter dated April 3, 2003
- application form
- Appendix A: Location Maps (including revised map sent April 15, 2003)
- Appendix B: Detailed Summary
- Appendix C: Supplementary Questionnaire
- Appendix D: Contractors
- Appendix E: Inuktitut/English Project Summary
- Appendix F: Drill Mud MSDS Sheets
- Appendix G: Fuel
- Spill Prevention and Response Plan dated May 12, 2003
- Summary of Ashton Water Use Permits to April 30, 2003 dated May 14, 2003
- Application fee

Receipt C137268 is attached for your records.

This project does not fall within one of the current land use plans of the Nunavut Planning Commission and is therefore being sent for screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board for their determination as to whether they require further review, or if it can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board.

I have been asked by the Board to inform you that a notice of your application is required. This notice of requirement is based on Article 13.3.14 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), which states that the Board should take "...all steps necessary by way of notice...to provide and promote public awareness [of hearings]."

Accordingly, a notice in both English and Inuinaqtun will be posted at local establishments in Kugluktuk, Cambridge Bay, Umingmaktok and Bathurst Inlet. Copy of the notice will be available to you during the distribution process.

Upon request from the public, we ask you to make available, free of charge, copies of all documents pertaining to this application. Any person who is affected by this application or concerned with it, may submit a letter of concern, which must be submitted to the Board within the period of time shown on the public notice.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or nwblic@polarnet.ca if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker
Manager of Finance, Licensing, and Administration

cc. Michelle McChristie, DIAND-Iqaluit Office