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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
NUNAVUT IMALIRIYIN KATIMAYINGI

File No: NWB2ASH

May 23, 2003

Ms. Gladys Joudrey
Environmental Assessment Officer
Nunavut Impact Review Board
P.O. Box 2379
Cambridge Bay, NU X0E 0C0

Subject: Ashton Mining (NWT) Limited – Ashton Projects – **Request for Screening** – Renewal

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for water license renewal on April 14, 2003 from Ashton Mining (NWT) Ltd. for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling. The proponent has requested that the renewal application encompass 5 licenses in one, namely NWB2EOK0103, NWB2KIG0002, NWB2KLA0103, NWB2RIC0205 and NWB2VAM0205.

In accordance with Articles 12 and 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, this project shall be screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board to determine whether it has significant impact potential, and whether it requires review, before the application can be processed by the Nunavut Water Board. These are all previously screened projects.

The application documents are available through the internet on our **NEW** ftp site at <ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca> in the NWB folder "NWB2ASH03."

If for any reason, the screening process will be less than 45 days, please let our office know immediately so that we can set our deadline for public concerns accordingly.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Rita Becker
Manager of Finance, Licensing, and Administration

cc. Dave Willis, Ashton Mining (NWT) Ltd.