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Re: Ashton Mining –Kitikmeot Region

The Nunavut Water Board received an application for a water license renewal from Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd. for exploratory drilling and base camp. This renewal combines the following current licenses into one licence: NWB2EOK0103, NWB2KIG0002, NWB2KLA0103, NWB2RIC0205, and NWB2VAM0205.

Notice of this application will be posted in the local organizations of Cambridge Bay, Kugluktuk, Bathurst Inlet, and Umingmaktuk.

The following documents are available through the internet on our **NEW** ftp site at <a href="mailto:ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca">ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca</a> in the folder "nwb" and sub-folder "NWB2ASH":

- notice (in English and Inuinaqtun)
- preliminary letter dated April 3, 2003
- application form
- Appendix A: Location Maps (including revised map)
- 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

Take note that the NWB has also received **technical** submissions along with this application. Please review these documents as necessary and forward any comments to this office before the deadline indicated.

**NWB2ASH** does not fall within a current land use plan; therefore it is not being reviewed by NPC. The application is currently screened by NIRB, and can now be processed by NWB. Parties involved in NIRB's screening can send their comments directly to NIRB as per their instructions. For all other parties, the Nunavut Water Board is accepting written concerns and comments with regards to this project before **July 1, 2003**.

Sincerely,

## Original signed by:

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