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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: NWB2ASH0305

July 8, 2004

Attention: Mr. David Willis, Land Administrator
Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd.
Unit 123 – 930 West 1st Street
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3N4
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**RE: Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd. Abandonment and Restoration Plan
(Part H, Item 1)**

Dear Mr. Willis:

The Nunavut Water Board has reviewed the “Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd. Abandonment and Restoration Plan” documents submitted to the Board on October 8, 2003 in accordance with Part H, Item 1 of water licence NWB2ASH0305. These documents relate to abandonment and restoration operations to be undertaken at all Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd. field operation locations in Nunavut. The NWB herein approves the submission as presented (**Motion #: 2004-17**) and reminds the Licensee that, in accordance with Part H, Item 3 of water licence NWB2ASH0305, all camp and drilling waste disposal sumps shall be backfilled and restored, to the satisfaction of an Inspector, to the pre-existing contours of the land.

Should you require clarification in this matter do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

cc: Elizabeth Sherlock, DIAND Iqaluit
Constantine Bodykevich, DIAND Inspector
Colette Meloche, Environment Canada
Derrick Moggy, Department of Fisheries and Oceans