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**N7-3-1603**

Mr. Dave Nickerson  
Chairman  
NWT Water Board  
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Dear Mr. Nickerson:

**RE:    HOMESTAKE MINERAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**  
**GEORGE LAKE PROJECT - LEVEL 1 SCREENING**

I am pleased to inform you that pursuant to the Environmental Assessment and Review Process Guidelines Order (1984), Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has conducted an environmental screening of the Homestake Mineral Development Company's George Lake gold exploration, water use and waste disposal project as described in the Water Licence application submitted to the Northwest Territories Water Board. A copy of the Screening Decision Summary form is enclosed for your records.

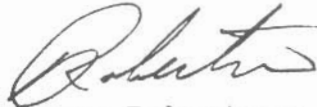
The project description was distributed to a number of federal and territorial agencies and non government organizations to allow them to identify their concerns and advise INAC accordingly. Based upon the comments received, it is INAC's decision that the potentially adverse effects and/or public concerns are mitigable with known technology and the project can proceed through the regulatory process. Information deficiencies and additional requirements will be addressed during the licensing stage, including the scheduled public Water Board hearing.

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Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 920-8498.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Robertson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Angus Robertson  
Director  
Renewable Resources and  
Environment

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cc: NAP - Yellowknife District

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