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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
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File No: NWB2GEO0210

July 8, 2002

Attention: John Bokich
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RE: NWB Licence No. NWB2GEO0210

Dear Mr. Bokich:

Please find attached Licence No. NWB2GEO0210 issued to Kinross Gold Corporation by the Nunavut Water Board (**Motion #: 2001-55**) pursuant to its authority under Article 13 of the *Agreement between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada*, and the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunals Act*. The terms and conditions of the attached Licence related to water use and waste disposal are an integral part of this approval.

For further consideration of activities not contemplated by this licence, such as road construction, bulk sampling and trenching, please file a new application, including appropriate supporting documentation, with the Board in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:
Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

Enclosure: Licence No. **NWB2GEO0210**

cc: Paul Smith, DIAND Iqaluit, DIAND Inspector
Jack Kaniak, Kitikmeot Inuit Association
Gladys Joudrey, Nunavut Impact Review Board
P. Pacholek, Environment Canada
P. Partridge, Department of Sustainable Development
J. DeGroot, Department of Fisheries and Oceans

APPROVAL FOR WATER USE AND WASTE DISPOSAL

Pursuant to Article 13 of the *Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in right of Canada*, the Nunavut Water Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, hereby grants to Kinross Gold Corporation authorization to use water and dispose of waste into water for exploration and clean-up activities, subject to the terms and conditions outlined herein and in the applicable land use permits. This Licence does not contemplate the construction of roads, trenching, bulk sampling or advanced exploration activities.

APPLICATION NO:	NWB2GEO0210
LICENSEE:	Kinross Gold Corporation 802 E. Winchester, Suite 100 Murray, Utah 84107 Phone: (801)290-1112 Fax: (801)290-1102 E-mail: jbokich@kinross.com
START DATE:	July 3, 2002
EXPIRY DATE:	December 31, 2010
PURPOSE:	Water Use and Waste disposal associated with exploration and clean-up activities
LOCATION:	George Lake area, Kitikmeot Region, Nunavut General Latitude: 65°56'; Longitude: 107°30' NTS Map: 75 G/14; 1:50,000

This approval issued and recorded at Gjoa Haven includes and is subject to the annexed conditions.

Original signed by:

Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director

PART A: SCOPE, DEFINITIONS & ENFORCEMENT

1. SCOPE

1. Compliance with the terms and conditions of this approval does not absolve the Licensee from responsibility for compliance with all applicable legislation, guidelines, or directives.
2. This approval is issued subject to the conditions contained herein with respect to the taking of water and the depositing of waste of any type in any waters or in any place under any conditions where such waste or any other waste that results from the deposits of such waste may enter any waters, and with respect to any other impacts of the Licensee's activities on water quality, quantity or flow, including surface drainage.

2. DEFINITIONS

In this Licence: **NWB2GEO0210**

“Act” means the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*

“Board” means the Nunavut Water Board established under the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*;

“Combustible Waste” means paper, non-treated wood products, kitchen food waste, and sewage waste.

“Drill Waste” means all materials or chemicals, solid or liquid, associated with drilling of bore holes and includes bore hole cuttings.

“Greywater” means all liquid wastes from showers, baths, sinks, kitchens and domestic washing facilities, but does not include toilet wastes;

“Inspector” means an Inspector designated by the Minister under Section 85 (1) of the *Act*;

“Nunavut Land Claims Agreement” (NLCA) means the *“Agreement Between the Inuit of the Nunavut Settlement Area and Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada,”* including its preamble and schedules, and any amendments to that agreement made pursuant to it;

“Sewage” means all toilet wastes and greywater;

“Sump” means a man-made pit, trench hollow or cavity in the earth's surface used for the purpose of depositing waste material therein;

“Waste” means waste as defined in Section 85 (1) of the *Act*;

4. The Licensee shall maintain a copy of this Licence at the sites of operation at all times.
5. Enforcement:
 - i. Failure to comply with this Licence will be a violation of the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*, exposing the Licensee to the enforcement measures and the penalties provided for in the Act.
 - ii. All inspection and enforcement services regarding this Licence will be provided by inspectors appointed under the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*.
 - iii. Inspectors appointed under the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* enjoy-with respect to this Licence, and for the purpose of enforcing this Licence, and with respect to the use of water and deposit or discharge of waste by the licensee-all powers, privileges and protections that are conferred upon them by the *Nunavut Water and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* or by other applicable law.

PART B: GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Licensee shall file a report with the Board no later than March 31 of the year following the calendar year reported, which shall contain the following information:
 - i. A summary report of water use and waste disposal activities;
 - ii. A list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken;
 - iii. Revision to the Contingency Plan;
 - iv. Revisions to the Abandonment and Restoration Plan;
 - v. Progressive reclamation work undertaken;
 - vi. Any other details on water use or waste disposal requested by the Board by November 1 of the year being reported.
2. The NWB shall be notified of any changes in operating plans or conditions associated with this project at least thirty (30) days prior to any such change.

PART C: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO USE AND THE PROTECTION OF WATER

1. The Licensee shall obtain all freshwater for domestic and contractor-use purposes from George Lake as approved by the Board and at a maximum of 100 cubic metres per day.
2. The freshwater intake shall be equipped with a screen with a mesh size sufficient to ensure no entrainment of fish.

3. The Licensee shall not remove any material from below the ordinary high water mark of any water body.
4. The Licensee shall not do anything that will cause erosion of the banks of any body of water on or adjacent to the land and shall provide necessary controls to prevent such erosion.
5. Sediment and erosion control measures shall be implemented prior to and maintained during the operation to prevent entry of sediment into water.
6. If the drilling requires water in sufficient volume that the source water body may be drawn down the Licensee shall, at least 30 days prior to commencement of drilling, submit to the Board for approval the following: volume required, hydrological overview of the water body, details of impacts, and proposed mitigation measures. The use of streams is not recommended as a water source.

PART D: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO WASTE DISPOSAL

1. Areas designated for waste disposal that may impair the quality, quantity, or flow of water shall not be located within thirty (30) metres of the ordinary high water mark of any body of water, unless otherwise authorized by the Board.
2. The Licensee shall not discharge sewage effluent.
3. The Licensee shall discharge and contain all greywater in a sump located at least thirty (30) metres from the high water mark of any water body at a site where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
4. The Licensee shall incinerate all combustible waste, and shall ensure that all hazardous wastes and non-combustible waste generated through the course of the operation are backhauled and disposed of in an approved waste disposal site.
5. The Licensee shall not landfill any waste except for greywater and drilling wastes in accordance with Part E and F.

PART E: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO DRILLING OPERATIONS

1. All drill waste shall be disposed of and contained on land in a sump located at least thirty (30) metres from the high water mark of any water body at a site where direct flow into a water body is not possible and no additional impacts are created.
2. No land-based drilling is to be done within thirty (30) metres of the high water mark of any water body. Drill waste from land-based drilling shall be disposed of

in a sump such that they do not enter any water body.

3. Drilling additives or muds shall not be used in connection with holes drilled through lake ice unless they are re-circulated or contained such that they do not enter the water, or are demonstrated to be non-toxic.
4. If artesian flow is encountered, drill holes shall be plugged and permanently sealed upon project termination.
5. The Licensee shall follow the *Interim Guidelines for On-Ice Drilling in the NWT* for all on-ice drilling operations. These are:
 - i. All drill cuttings shall be removed from the ice surface.
 - ii. The release of total suspended solids in the receiving environment shall be in compliance with the Guidelines for Total Suspended Solids contained in the *Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment's (CCME) Canadian Water Quality Guidelines, Chapter 3 - Freshwater Aquatic Life*. (i.e., 10 mg/L for lakes with background levels under 100 mg/L or 10 % for those above 100 mg/L);
 - iii. For kimberlite targets, non-toxicity must be demonstrated; toxicity testing shall be done on the effluent from the drilling operation and the results shall be submitted to the Board and/or an Inspector upon request.
6. The Licensee shall establish baseline water quality conditions before drilling through lake ice.
7. The results as per Part F, Item 6 shall be submitted to the Board sixty (60) days following sampling and shall include an estimate of the volumes discharged.

PART F: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO CAMPS AND ACCESS INFRASTRUCTURE:

1. The Licensee shall not erect camps or store material on the surface of frozen streams or lakes except what is for immediate use. Camps shall be located such as to minimize impacts on surface drainage.
2. All activities shall be conducted in such a way as to minimize impacts on surface drainage and the Licensee shall immediately undertake any corrective measures in the event of any impacts on surface drainage.
3. Winter lake and stream crossings, including ice bridges, shall be constructed entirely of water, ice or snow; stream crossings shall be removed or notched prior to spring break-up.
4. With respect to access road and pad construction or other earthworks, the deposition of debris or sediment into any water body is prohibited. These

materials shall be disposed of above the high water mark in such a fashion that they do not enter the water.

PART G: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO SPILL AND CONTINGENCY PLANNING:

1. The Licensee shall ensure that any fuels, chemicals, or wastes associated with this undertaking do not enter any waters. All fuel is to be stored at a location that is a minimum of thirty (30) metres from the ordinary high water mark of any water source.
2. The Licensee shall revise the approved "Spill Contingency Plan, Updated version June 2002," annually to reflect changes in operation and/or technology or as directed by the Board.
3. If, during the duration of this Licence, an unauthorized discharge of waste occurs, or if such a discharge is foreseeable, the Licensee shall:
 - i. Employ the Contingency Plan;
 - ii. Report any spill immediately to the 24-Hour Spill Line at (867) 920-8130 and to the DIAND Water Resources Officer at (867) 975-4298; and
 - iii. Submit to the DIAND Water Resources Officer a detailed report on each occurrence no later than thirty (30) days after initially reporting the event.

PART H: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO MODIFICATIONS

1. The Licensee may, without written approval from the Board, carry out modification to the water supply and waste disposal facilities provided that such modifications are consistent with the terms of this Licence and the following requirements are met:
 - i. The Licensee has notified the Board in writing of such proposed modifications at least sixty (60) days prior to beginning the modifications;
 - ii. Such modifications do not place the Licensee in contravention of the Licence and/or *Act*;
 - iii. The Board has not, during the sixty (60) days following notification of the proposed modifications, informed the Licensee that review of the proposal will require more than sixty (60) days; and
 - iv. The Board has not rejected the proposed modification.
2. Modifications for which all of the conditions referred to in Part I, Item 1 have not

been met may be carried out only with written approval from the Board.

3. The Licensee shall provide to the Board as-built plans and drawings of the modifications referred to in Part I, Item 1 within ninety (90) days of completion of the modifications.

PART I: CONDITIONS APPLYING TO ABANDONMENT AND RESTORATION

1. The Licensee shall submit to the Board for approval, within six (6) months of issuance of this Licence, an Abandonment and Restoration Plan prepared in accordance with applicable sections of the "*Guidelines for Abandonment and Restoration Planning for Mines in the Northwest Territories (1990)*".
2. If the Plan referred to in Part I, Item 1 is not approved, the Licensee shall resubmit the plan at least within sixty (60) days following notification from the Board.
3. As necessary, the Plan referred to in Part I, Item 1 shall be updated annually to reflect changes in operation and/or technology and shall be submitted as required in accordance with Part B, Item 1.
4. The Licensee shall backfill and restore to the satisfaction of the Inspector all sumps back to the natural surrounding contours of the land prior to the expiry of this permit.
5. The Licensee shall undertake progressive restoration for any components of the project which are no longer required for the Licensee's operations.
6. All disturbed areas shall be stabilized and re-vegetated as required, upon completion of work and restored to a pre-disturbed state.

**GENERAL CONDITIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF LICENCES
ISSUED BY THE NUNAVUT WATER BOARD (NWB)**

The following conditions form an integral part of Licence No. **NWB2GEO0210**

1. At the time of issuance, a copy of the Licence is placed on the Water Register in the NWB Head Office in Gjoa Haven. **Documents in the Register are available to the public.**
2. If the Licensee contemplates the renewal of Licence No. **NWB2GEO0210** it is its responsibility to apply to the NWB for its renewal. The past performance of the Licensee, new documentation and information, and issues raised during a public hearing, if the NWB is required to hold one, will be used to determine the terms and conditions of the Licence renewal. Note that if the Licence expires before the NWB issues a new one, then water use and waste disposal **must cease**, or the Licensee will be in contravention of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. The NWB recommends that an application for the renewal of Licence No. **NWB2GEO0210** be filed **at least three months** before the Licence's expiry date.
3. If Licence No. **NWB2GEO0210** requires amendment, then **a public hearing may be required**. The Licensee should submit applications for amendment as soon as possible to give the NWB sufficient time to go through the amendment process. The process may vary depending on the scope of the amendment requested.
4. Any communication with respect to this Licence shall be made **in writing** to the attention of:

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5. The Licensee shall submit two paper copies and one electronic copy of all reports, studies, and plans to the Board. Reports or studies submitted to the Board by the Licensee shall include a **detailed executive summary in Inuktitut**.