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Northwest Territories Water Board #16 Yellowknife Airport Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 3T2

Attention: Mr. Dave Nickerson, Chairman

Dear Mr. Nickerson:

Re: Water Licence No. N7L3-1603

George Lake Joint Venture, N.W.T.

In accordance with Item 6, Part A of the above referenced Water Licence and pursuant to Section 15(1) of the Regulations, Homestake Canada Inc. (as assigned by Homestake Mineral Development Company) wishes to report the following for the calendar year 1995:

- (a) no water (0.00 m³) was pumped from George Lake in any month;
- (b) no wastewater (0.00 m³) was discharged from any source in any month;
- (c) no data was generated under the Surveillance Network Program;
- (d) there were no exploration activities in 1995. However, legal surveyors utilized the George Lake camp site for three weeks during July 1995, at which time a program of care and maintenance of the camp site and the surrounding area was conducted (repair and/or disposal of all damaged tents, clean up of debris, collection and stockpiling of empty fuel containers and waste metal). Water use and discharge was restricted to minimal amounts from George Lake for probable water supplies and discharge of grey water into the pre-existing camp sump area in compliance with the existing land use guidelines and permit requirements. No developments or underground exploration was carried out;
- (e) there were no unauthorized discharges;
- (f) there were no modifications and/or major maintenance work carried out on the water supply and/or waste disposal system and/or associated structures;



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(g) there were no approved revisions to the Contingency Plans;

(h) there were no approved revisions to the Abandonment and Restoration Plan (no Abandonment and Restoration Plan has yet been submitted); and

(i) there are no other details on water use or waste disposal which has been requested by the N.W.T. Water Board.

We wish to confirm that there is no use of water or deposit of waste for underground exploration, development, mining or any associate uses anticipated during 1996.

We trust that this summary adequately satisfies the conditions of said Water Licence. Should there be any further requirements or questions, please contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

Homestake Canada Inc.

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Land Manager, Canada

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