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Date: May 29, 2002

Re: NWB2GEO0205 – Spill Contingency Plan

Dear Mr. Bokich:

The Nunavut Water Board has received the report titled, “**Spill Contingency Plan**”, submitted December 18, 2000 by Kinross Gold Corporation in compliance with Part E, Item 1 of their current water licence. Please resubmit a revised plan to the NWB prior to the commencement of activities under water licence #NWB2GEO0205, in which the following provisions are included:

- Ensure that all spills, regardless of their significance, are handled appropriately by trained personnel as per the Spill Contingency Plan and reported to the 24-hrs Spill Line.
- Include the DIAND Inspector in Iqaluit (867) 975-4298 as one of the people who should be notified.
- Include system failure responses and preventative measures for domestic sewage, solid waste, fuel and chemicals. Make provisions for employee safety and consultation with MSDS sheets as a part of the initial action steps in the event of a spill.
- Include absorbent mats and booms, 2 pairs of oil resistant gloves, splash protected goggles, a spark proof shovel, polyethylene disposable bags in each spill kit.
- Ensure that at least two spill kits are on site at all times. Should drilling occur, a spill kit at each drill is advised.
- Ensure that the amount of hazardous materials, their storage location and the location of spill kits are submitted.
- Include a map of environmentally sensitive areas into which a spill might migrate.

- Ensure that an on-site Spill Response Coordinator is identified with their job title and contact information be given. It is not clear how the staff will react in case of an emergency situation when the responsible personnel appears to be based in Utah. The spill plan should list the person immediately responsible for the spill, the chain of command in case of an emergency, in addition to contacting the head office in Utah;
- Include how hazardous waste will be removed from site and authorizations that are necessary for hazardous waste removal.
- Include regional telephone lists with appropriate contacts that may be useful in case of assistance in required, e.g. Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Department of Sustainable Development, Workers' Compensation Board, etc.
- Ensure staff is trained according to the Spill Plan and drills are conducted to ensure staff responds appropriately.

The NWB would like to stress the importance of secondary containment for material storage, such as instaberm fuel drums. If the proponent wishes to resume and expand exploration activities at George Lake, it is recommended that a fuel storage container with a capacity greater than 4,000L is used, which is double walled, self-bermed or dyked with an impermeable liner.

The NWB would like to remind the proponent that all spills on-site are the responsibility of the Licensee. Any person using the site should be trained according to Kinross's Spill Contingency Plan.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 867-360-6338 or by fax 867-360-6369 or e-mail nunavutwaterboard@nt.sympatico.ca.

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