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Deor Sir:

Please review the attached application for a change in the land permit for the Goose Lake Project. In addition. to replying to John Bokich, please faxo or email me, so I can call Discovery Mining Services to start the work of installing the Weatherhaven tents If you have any questions about this application, please call e 705-235-5188. for 705-235-5233. My email 15 needham@vianet.ca

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P.S. This is the some application emailed to your

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September 13, 2001

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Mr. Philippe di Pizzo
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By email:

Re: Goose Lake Exploration Project KTL399C027 Request for Authorization for camp expansion

Dear Mr. Kaniak and Mr. di Pizzo:

Kinross Gold hereby requests authorization from the Kitikmeot Inuit Association (KIA) to add additional components to the Goose Lake Camp complex. Kinross is increasing the exploration activities for the project in the upcoming year, and requires additional accommodations for additional workforce, and desires to upgrade camp components to decrease the potential for environmental effects.

The proposed changes include the addition of three "WeatherHaven" camp units, including a kitchen, washroom and bunkhouse. The location of these units is shown on the attached Figures 1. Addition of these units will not require any significant changes to the land or to the camp support infrastructure. The existing greywater system will be utilized, as well as facilities for the incinerator and trash management.

These modifications will allow for up to 50 personnel to utilize the camp during exploration activities.

In addition, Kinross proposes to replace the current fuel storage and distribution system, which consists of transporting fuel to site and storing it in 45 Imp. gallon drums, with a bulk fuel storage system. Currently, several hundred 45 gal. drums are stored on site each year. Two 5,000 – 10,000 US gallon, double walled bulk storage tanks are proposed for the staging and camp supply tanks with 10,000 to 20,000 US gallon tanks to be used in the storage/drum filling station area (if available). A system to

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pump the fuel from the surface of Goose Lake to the storage tanks, will be designed and constructed to fill the tanks. In addition, a pipeline will then be constructed to provide fuel to all of the buildings requiring it for heating units. Also a system for filling 45 Imp gal drums from the two southwestern most storage tanks will be constructed to allow filling of drums to be air lifted by helicopter to the drill rigs for utilization there. This drum filling system will consist of a steel secondary containment structure, which will control any potential spilling from the filling operations. Drums will then be lifted to the rigs by helicopter.

Another change that Kinross wishes to propose at this time is the elimination of the requirement to construct sumps for greywater and drill cuttings. These structures have not been constructed as it is believed, pursuant to an environmental review of the area this summer by myself, that construction of a sump to hold the greywater in the permafrost will not result in infiltration into the ground, and will reduce evaporation potential over letting the water flow over the surface of the muskeg to the west of the camp, away from Goose Lake. This will result in less effect to land, will enhance dispersion and evaporation of greywater.

In addition, the drill cuttings are currently being deposited in a natural depression that has broken rock outcropping there. The cuttings are emptied from the plastic collection bags onto the broken rock, and allowed to overwinter. The snow covers the material, and in the spring melt, the cuttings are washed into the fractured rock, with no effect to surface water.

We believe that the proposed practices will minimize the potential for effects to the environment. Construction of sumps for greywater and drill cuttings will open up the permafrost and result in a greater effect than the existing practices. Should you determine that the sumps should still be installed, it will be accomplished as soon as you advise us, and weather permits.

The increase camp capacity will allow increased exploration operations, that we are hopeful will result in a mining operation that will provide a significant number of employment opportunities to Nunavut and the area. The proposed facilities will improve on existing facilities, and the proposed fuel storage and handling system will be a significant improvement over the existing practices.

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Please also note that Kinross Gold has relocated to a new office, and our new contact information is:

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We appreciate your consideration of these requests. If you have any questions or comments, please contact me.

Thank you,

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