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RE: NWB1GOO – Goose Lake Project - Assignment of License

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Environment Canada has no issues with the assignment of the license from Kinross Gold Corporation to Miramar Bathurst Resources Ltd. However, EC would like to inform Miramar Bathurst Resources Ltd. that CaCl has been listed as a toxic substance by the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* (CEPA 1999). As such, the non-technical description included with the assignment application is incorrect in listing "ordinary salt" as a non-toxic substance. Environment Canada recommends that the proponent ensure that all sumps used for the disposal of CaCl are located above the high water mark of any waterbody and constructed in such a manner as to prevent the release of this substance into the environment.

If there are any changes in the proposed project, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.meloche@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

Original signed by

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