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Subject: Acknowledgment of Water Licence Renewal Application for Greyhound Project

Dear Mr. Frenette:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") acknowledges receipt on July 13, 2016 of the 2BE-GRE1416 renewal water licence application for the Greyhound Project. Application documents received are as follows:

- Articles of Continuance
- Geyhound Area 20160509
- NIRB December 12, Exemption Letter
- Non-Technical Summary English and Inuktitut
- NPC Conformity 2009 Resubmitted
- NWB Letter Authorizing AEM for Aura Silver November 27, 2015
- Renewal Application 20160509
- Water Licence Inspection Report July 22, 2015

Please be advised that under the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA), Article 11, Section 11.5.9 and s. 76 (1) of *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NuPPAA), the proponent of a project governed by NuPPAA is also required to submit a project proposal document (which may include the water licence application) directly to the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC or Commission) for the NPC's determination regarding the applicable land use planning requirements and/or directions regarding whether the project is subject to screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board. In particular, please note that as established under Articles 11, 12 and 13 of the NLCA, NuPPAA and Part 3 of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act*,

until the project has completed the applicable land use planning and assessment process required by the NPC and the NIRB, the NWB cannot issue a water licence.

The NWB confirms receipt of NPC conformity decision under NuPPAA on June 7, 2016 and NIRB determination on July 8, 2016. This application is now ready for review and comments. Deadline for submissions is September 12, 2016.

Please call the undersigned at (867) 360-6338 or email to if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ida Porter Licensing Administrative Assistant

Cc: Technical Advisor Sonia Aredes

NPC NIRB