



**NIRB File No.:** 06EN048

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Andrew Mitchell, Project Manager  
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**By email:** (andrew.mitchell@wolfdenresources.com)

**Re:** Wolfden's Proposed High Lake Relicensing Project

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Dear Mr. Mitchell,

The Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) is in the middle of an assessment of the above-cited project proposal which has included the distribution and receipt of comments from interested persons, including Wolfden. All comments are on NIRB's ftp site at the following location:  
([ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB\\_ACTIVE\\_SCREENINGS/06EN048%20-%20Wolfden/COMMENTS/](ftp://ftp.nunavut.ca/nirb/NIRB_ACTIVE_SCREENINGS/06EN048%20-%20Wolfden/COMMENTS/)).

The assessment process has revealed that some components of the proposal may generate significant concern from both an environmental perspective and regarding their connection with the foreseeable High Lake Mine development proposal and the potential review of that application. That application has not yet been received, perhaps because it is still in development. The areas of potential concern in the current application are:

- 1450m gravel runway at Sand Lake;
- 875,000 litre fuel tank farm at Sand Lake;
- 12-km all-weather road from the High Lake camp to Sand Lake;
- Four quarries for construction material;
- Explosives storage;
- 1800m<sup>2</sup> landfill for non-hazardous solid waste disposal; and
- Grays Bay barge landing and laydown areas;

You might be aware that the type of activities mentioned above, including their magnitude and scope, may or could leave the Board in a position to indicate to the Minister that this proposal be subject to the full suite of possible decisions pursuant to Article 12.4.4 of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement*. We say this, again, because the above-listed application includes elements of a relicensing application, as well as elements of what may reasonably be seen as a more fully based mine development application.

Before making its final decision, NIRB wishes to provide Wolfden Resources Inc. with an opportunity to clarify either the scope of your current application or issues raised in this letter. Please reply to the Board on or before July 18, 2006.

Sincerely,

(Original signed by)

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Manager of Screenings

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