



HOPE BAY JOINT VENTURE

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Mr. Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board,
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Dear Mr. di Pizzo,

Re: Amendment No. 2 to Permit No: NWB2HOP002

This will acknowledge receipt of your fax letter for the above captioned amendment dated October 16, 2000 with comments received by the NWB from the Department of Sustainable Development.

As we discussed on the telephone on October 16, 2000, and following further consideration by the Hope Bay Joint Venture (HBJV), we have concluded that due to the fact that the historical discharges of sludge from the ROTODISK's have been minimal, if at all, we feel that until a better understanding of the quantities of sludges is known, we would prefer at this time, to continue to operate the ROTODISK at Windy camp under the terms and conditions stated in the permit amendment dated August 22, 2000. As such, the HBJV respectfully requests that our application for amendment number 2 be rescinded and we propose to comply with the inserted condition 10 which stipulates that the "Sludges generated by the ROTODISK shall be periodically collected in 45 gallon drums and transported to the Boston camp for disposal."

Your consideration in this matter is appreciated, and we apologize for any inconvenience. Should you require anything further, please contact me at the above numbers, on my cell 780-975-2550 or by e-mail on: hugh_r.Wilson@hotmail.com.

Yours truly,

"H.R.Wilson"

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Cc: A.Fleming. HBGC