



HOPE BAY JOINT VENTURE

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By e-mail, originals by Express Post

Mr. Philippe di Pizzo
Executive Director
Nunavut Water Board
P.O. Box 119
Gjoa Haven, NU, X0E 1J0

Dear Mr. di Pizzo,

Re: Amendment Application for Water Use Licence NWB2HOP0207
Exploration Decline Program - Doris Hinge Project

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Please find enclosed two (2) copies of our application for an amendment to Water Licence NWB2HOP0207. Approval of this amendment application will enable the HBJV to complete an exploration decline program on the Doris Hinge Project, the information from which is critical to fulfilling requirements for input into the bankable feasibility study. This submission includes the following:

- X Completed Water Licence Application form for an amendment;
- X Completed Water Licence Application Supplementary Questionnaire for Advanced Exploration (Underground drilling, bulk sampling, etc);
- X Application Fee in the amount of \$30.00 payable to the Receiver General for Canada;
- X An Executive Summary in English and Inuktitut.

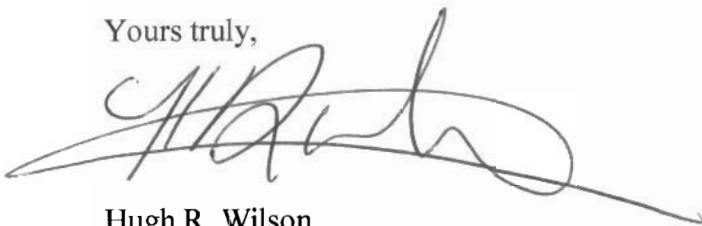
As mentioned, this amendment application is submitted to the NWB for approval which, when received, will enable the HBJV to proceed with an exploration decline program in the Doris Hinge project area. As we had discussed earlier this month, the exploration decline as proposed in this application is the same as what is outlined in the document entitled "Preliminary Project Description – Doris Hinge Project – Hope Bay Joint Venture dated March 2002 and submitted to the NWB on March 22, 2002. This is currently being reviewed by NIRB, however; the need to proceed with this aspect of the project is firstly a timing or scheduling issue and secondly, but more importantly, to provide critical and necessary inputs into the bankable feasibility study, currently being developed. The initial program is expected to start in September 2002, when the initial collaring of the portal location will be completed in preparation for the exploration decline development program, expected to start in January or February 2003. The exploration decline program is scheduled for completion in July 2003.

It should be noted that this amendment request and the work program required is in no way a detraction from the Doris Hinge Preliminary Project Description review currently underway by NIRB nor should it be seen as a change of scope in the Doris Hinge project. It is a timing matter and in order to complete a bankable feasibility study, this program is required sooner than later. We have in our plans for this exploration decline program, minimized the impacts by continuing to use Windy Lake camp to house the workforce, sewage wastes will be collected and returned to Windy lake for disposal through the RBC system there. Combustible rubbish will be returned to Windy camp for incineration. Non-combustible solid wastes will be stored for future disposal in the solid waste site proposed for the Doris Hinge project. Any waste oil will be taken back to Windy camp and consumed in the waste oil burner.

The supplementary questionnaire attached to the application provides additional information related to this amendment application. Based on the information submitted, the HBJV feels that the NWB can provide the appropriate approvals in a timely manner to enable the initial program to commence in September 2002.

Should you require clarification on anything related to this amendment application, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the numbers above, on cell # 780-975-2550 or by e-mail to: hwilson@miramarmining.com and hugh_r_wilson@hotmail.com.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Hugh R. Wilson
Manager, Environmental Affairs

Cc: Mr. Charlie Evalik, President, Kitikmeot Inuit Association. (E-mail only)
Mr. Jack Kaniak, Manager, KIA Lands (E-mail only)

Attach. Water Licence Application Form
Supplementary Questionnaire
Executive Summary in English and Inuktitut
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