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Dear Ms. Briscoe and Mr. di Pizzo:

**Re: Doris Hinge Project; A small gold mine in the Hope Bay Belt
Requests for amendment to KIA Land Use Licence KTL399C028 and Water
Licence NWB2HOP0207**

This will acknowledge receipt of letters from DIAND and KIA , dated June 20, 2002 which were in response to your joint letter dated June 13,2002 related to the above captioned subject. We understand that a response from Government of Nunavut DSD and others are forthcoming.

Based on the two responses received and following our discussions with DSD personnel, similar comments are expected from the Government of Nunavut. Although the Hope Bay Joint Venture appreciates the comments presented to NIRB and the NWB on the amendment applications, they do raise concerns within the Doris Hinge Project's management team.

It should be noted that the Hope Bay Joint Venture is committed to bringing the Doris Hinge project into production and the requested amendment applications were a mechanism that was seen to expedite this happening. You will recall, the rationale for the amendment applications was to facilitate the collection of critical information for the bankable feasibility study and the exploration decline would have provided this information on a timely manner.

Although we appreciate the efforts of both NIRB and the NWB to expedite a smooth amendment approval and review process, as mentioned above, the comments received from DIAND and KIA, do however; raise questions as to the overall approval process and the capability to enable such types of amendments to be approved in a timely and efficient manner enabling field investigations to proceed.

With the above in mind and after reflecting on the comments received, there appears to be a strong suggestion that the Hope Bay Joint Venture is attempting to construct the various infrastructure components (pads, airstrip, laydown areas etc) prior to the overall project being reviewed as described in the Preliminary Project Description (PPD) currently under review by NIRB, meeting the Part 5 NIRB review requirements. It was not the intention of the Hope Bay Joint Venture to carry out any activities without those activities being adequately reviewed by NIRB and participating agencies. The Hope Bay Joint Venture proposed such amendments on the advice of both KIA and the NWB with the full intention that the amendment approvals would facilitate the Doris Hinge Project meeting its bankable feasibility study commitments plus moving the Doris Hinge Project closer to production, thereby resulting in the full benefits of such a project being realized by all Inuit in the West Kitikmeot.

Therefore, the HBJV regretfully wishes to withdraw its applications for amendment of both KIA Land Use Licence KTL399C028 and Water licence NWB2HOP0207 and respectfully requests that NIRB focuses on the review of the Preliminary Project Description (PPD) submitted in March 2002 and that NIRB, KIA, NTI and other IPG's urge Minister Nault to approve the Part 5 NIRB review immediately so that NIRB can issue final EIS guidelines to the HBJV. We feel that the exploration decline program and the critical information it will provide for the bankable feasibility study can then be approved by NIRB under sections 12.10.2(b) and 13.5.5 of the NLCA over the coming months, which will facilitate the overall Doris Hinge Project becoming a reality. This action is also requested to provide the HBJV with time to discuss the various expectations the KIA, NTI, IPG's and others might have related to the Doris Hinge Project.

We feel that under the circumstances, and the responses to the amendment applications received, this is the best action plan. We do, however; reemphasize the need for a smooth review process so that the full benefits of the Doris Hinge Project can be realized in the timelines proposed in the PPD. It is our desire that you would forward a copy of this letter to all those on the original distribution list including Minister Nault.

Should you have any questions, 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,

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