



HOPE BAY JOINT VENTURE

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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 NIRB's letter dated June 5, 2002 to Minister Nault requesting approval for a Part 5 review for the Doris Hinge Project. I also reference NWB's letter dated June 10, 2002 to NIRB related to "Hope Bay Joint Venture – **Request for Screening - Amendment – Doris Hinge Project**" in which NWB requests a screening by NIRB.

As we discussed during our telephone conversation this morning, the quick approval of the overall process is very important to the success of the Doris Hinge project. As such, the recent applications for amendment to the land use licence and the Windy Lake water licence captioned above are, part and parcel of the overall project and the need to complete an exploration decline program as soon as possible is critical to the project remaining on the current timeline.

With the above in mind, the HBJV respectfully requests that both NIRB and the NWB process the two captioned amendments for the exploration decline program under sections 12.10.2(b) and 13.5.5 of the NLCA. These sections provide the mechanism and authority to issue approvals or licences for exploration or development work related to a project proposal referred for review under Part 5, such as is the case with the Doris Hinge Project.

We feel that sections 12.10.2(b) and 13.5.5 of the NLCA enables the speedy approval of these amendments, which will ensure that the overall Doris Hinge Project remains on the current timeline.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter, 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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