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Philippe de Pizzo Nunavut Water Board

Dear Mr. De Pizzo:

Via Facsimile: 1 (867) 360-6369

For your information, please find attached today's press release issued by Miramar Mining Corporation announcing an agreement with Cambiex Explorations in respect of the Hope Bay property in Nunavut. Under the terms of the agreement, Miramar agreed, among other things and subject to regulatory approval, to acquire from Cambiex, concurrently with Cambiex's acquisition of the Hope Bay Properties from BHP Diamonds Inc., an undivided 50% interest in the Hope Bay Properties.

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Miramar has had a long term exposure to the north through its operations at the Con Mine in Yellowknife and is currently in discussions in respect of the Giant Mine, also in Yellowknife, further expanding our presence in the north. We look forward to working closely with all the stakeholders in the Hope Bay area to maximize the potential benefits of this project to all parties.

Should you have any questions or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Stephen Quin or the undersigned at (604) 985-2572.

Yours truly, MIRAMAR MINING CORPORATION

Anthony P. Walsh President and CEO