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NUNAVUT WATER BOARD
OFFICE DES EAUX DU NUNAVUT

File No: 2BE-HOP0207

March 26, 2007

Terri Maloof
Manager Environmental Auditing and Permitting
Miramar Hope Bay Ltd.
300-889 Harbourside Drive
North Vancouver, BC V7P 3S1
Email: tmaloof@miramarmining.com

Subject: Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. – Hope Bay Windy Project - Renewal – Type “B”

Dear Ms. Maloof:

The Nunavut Water Board (“NWB”) acknowledges receipt of your renewal application for a Type “B” water license on March 12, 2007, for water use and waste disposal associated with exploratory drilling & camp operations for the Hope Bay Project, in the Kitikmeot region of Nunavut. The application can be obtained from our ftp site at the following link:

[http://nunavutwaterboard.org/ftp/2BE-EXPLORATION / 2BE-HOP](http://nunavutwaterboard.org/ftp/2BE-EXPLORATION/2BE-HOP) or by contacting our office.

The application includes the following documents:

- cover letter dated March 11, 2007
- water license application form, received March 15, 2007
- supplementary questionnaire for remote camp, received March 15, 2007
- suppl. Questionnaire for landfarm treatment facilities, received March 15, 2007
- project summary in Inuktitut & English, received March 15, 2007
- application fee, water use fee, received March 15, 2007
- maps and figures, received March 15, 2007
- Abandonment & Restoration Plan, received March 15, 2007
- Spill Contingency Plan received March 15, 2007

We undertook a preliminary review of your application and conclude that it meets the requirements of section 48(1) of the *Nunavut Waters and Nunavut Surface Rights Tribunal Act* (“Act”). This said, I must inform you that the NWB reserves the right to request additional information and studies pursuant to sections 48(2) of the Act or, alternatively, issue guidelines for the provision of information pursuant to section 48(3) of the Act.

A NWB Technical Advisor may be in touch with you to clarify any technical details related to your application.

This application is within an area where there is no land use plan approved in accordance with Part 5 of Article 11 of the NLCA, and is therefore not subject to the requirements of Section 38 (1) to 38 (5) of the Act.

Finally, by copy of this letter to the distribution list and the enclosed notice of application sent to the council of the municipality or municipalities most affected by your application, we invite interested persons to make representation directly to the NWB **within 30 days from the date of this letter.** Take note that included in the application is a Spill Response Plan as well as an Abandonment and Restoration Plan which require review and comment. The NWB may provide additional procedural instructions once the application has been reviewed by interested parties.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Phyllis Beaulieu
Manager of Licensing

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Enclosure: Notice of Application

Cc: Distribution List - Kitikmeot