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May 1, 2002

Mr. Hugh Wilson
Manager, Environmental Affairs
Hope Bay Joint Venture
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Dear Mr. Wilson:

Re: Review of 2001 Annual Report and Compliance Assessment

Annual Report

The 2001 Annual Report submitted by Hope Bay Joint Venture as required under licence NWB2HOP0002, Part B, Item 1 has been reviewed and was found satisfactory. However, a complete list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of follow-up actions taken is preferable to a reference to the spill reports on file. The Annual Report is intended to be a complete summary of all site activities and should be a stand alone document.

Compliance Assessment

In recent years, significant improvements have been made to the Windy/Wolverine operations. The installation of the RBC sewage treatment plant was completed and a new incinerator for solid waste was commissioned. Under the conditions of the new Licence, hazardous and non-combustible wastes must be back hauled and disposed of in an approved waste disposal site.

During the August 2001 inspection, the Licensee and Water Resource Officer discussed methods to facilitate file closures for spills. The Licensee has planned to record GPS coordinates and use camp maps to locate further spills associated with the Hope Bay Belt operations. Recent improvements to the fuel management practices at the Windy camp were noted during the inspection and the Licensee ensured that fuel storage linked to camp facilities would be relocated at least 30 metres beyond the high water mark. In the 2001 field season, five spills occurred and adequate remediation has enabled file closure for all but one site. The remaining site, 01-036 at the Roberts Bay fuel cache requires removal and appropriate disposal of the contaminated soil.

In summary, the Hope Bay Gold Corporation complied with the Conditions of Licence

NWB2HOP0002 during 2001 and no major issues were noted during the inspection. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by e-mail at johnsonmi@inac.gc.ca.

Sincerely,
Original signed by:

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