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October 31, 2003 By Email and Regular Mail

Mr. Hugh R. Wilson Manager, Environmental Affairs Hope Bay Joint Venture 311 West First Street North Vancouver, BC V7M 1B5

Subject: Licence NWB2HOP0207 Annual Report

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has completed its review of the Hope Bay Joint Venture 2002 annual report for the Windy Lake Camp, pursuant to Part B, Item 1 of Licence NWB2HOP0207. Although several items were identified during the review, the following issues need to be addressed.

• Part B, Item 1(iii) of the Licence requires that

"The Licensee shall file a report with the Board no later than March 31 of the Year following the calendar year reported, which shall contain the following information: [] iii. Revision to the Contingency Plan"

A revised contingency plan is required under this section. There was no mention of a revision being submitted for 2002 or reference to the plan being reviewed.

Part B1 (iv) of the Licence requires a description of progressive reclamation work undertaken. If none is completed this should be indicated.

Other items that were discussed during our telephone conversation on October 31, 2003, included;

• Part E, Item 4; the monthly reports for 2002 which were not on file with the NWB but were forwarded by yourself for filing as requested and the requirement for further information in qualifying the missing data within the Annual Report. Please provide explanation for the files with respect to the data missing from the monitoring data (i.e. "not done" and "sample lost").

In addition to the above, it is requested that if additional sampling is required in follow-up to Spill No. 02-451 or any other petroleum based spills that may occur in the future, that a Total Petroleum Hydrocarbon analysis be carried out on the downstream water bodies (if applicable) in order to more accurately determine if contamination has occurred.

Other than the aforementioned items, the NWB has no further comments regarding the 2002 annual report, nor does it request additional information to be included in the forthcoming 2003 annual report beyond that required in water licence NWB2HOP0207. The 2003 annual report is to be received by the NWB no later than March 31st, 2004. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

David Hohnstein, C.E.T. Technical Advisor Mining

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