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By Email and Regular Mail

Mr. Hugh R. Wilson
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Hope Bay Joint Venture
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Subject: Licence NWB2HOP0207; RBC Upgrade at Windy Lake Camp

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The Nunavut Water Board ("NWB") has had the opportunity to review the application to upgrade the RBC ROTODISC Sewage Treatment Plant at the Windy Lake Camp under Water License NWB2HOP0207 submitted by letter dated October 24, 2003.

The application underwent a preliminary review and subsequent distribution for comments to interested parties on November 6, 2003. There were no major concerns identified with the application. Environment Canada included in their submission a request to be informed as to Miramar's plans for disposing of the old RBC ROTODISC, including any contained sludge. The NWB concurs and requests that Miramar Hope Bay Ltd. follow-up to the NWB with the eventual plan for the RBC unit once it is no longer needed.

The terms and conditions of License NWB2HOP0207 remain unchanged. The operation of the RBC ROTODISC is specifically addressed under Part E of the License and the use and protection of water is addressed under Part C. Total water use for domestic purposes remains at 50 cubic metres per day, using the facilities outlined in the original application or as otherwise approved by the Board.

The NWB would like to thank HBJV for the submission and should there be any questions regarding the above, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

Original signed by:

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