

NIRB File No.: EX59 INAC File No.: N2007C0045 NWB File No.: 2BE-KIY

January 24, 2008

Honourable Chuck Strahl Minister of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada c/o Jeff Holwell Land Administrator Indian and Northern Affairs Canada Iqaluit, NU

Via email: holwellj@inac-ainc.gc.ca

Re: <u>Application Exempt from Screening: Newmont Mining Corporation – Kiyuk Lake Drilling</u>
Project

Dear Jeff Holwell:

On January 22, 2008, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) received a conformity determination from the Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) for Newmont Mining Corporation's Kiyuk Lake Drilling Project Proposal. Be advised that this project proposal is exempt from screening as per Schedule 12-1 (2) and (5) of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement (NLCA) which state:

Schedule 12-1 (2):

"Land use activities requiring only a Class B permit under the Territorial Land Use Regulations (SOR/77-210 4 March 1977)".

Schedule 12-1 (5):

"Water uses that do not require a public hearing under Section 13.7.3".

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact NIRB's Manager of Environmental Administration, Leslie Payette at lpayette@nirb.ca or 867-983-4605.

Phone: (867) 983-4600 Fax: (867) 983-2594

Yours truly,

Stephanie Autut Executive Director

Cc: Phyllis Beaulieu, Nunavut Water Board

Brian Aglukark, Nunavut Planning Commission

Luis Manzo, Kivalliq Inuit Association