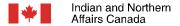
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Richard Dwyer License Administrator P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0A 1J0

Re: 2BE-PIX0510 – Annual Report, 2008 – Ashton Mining (Northwest Territories) Ltd. – Pix Project

Please be advised that Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC) has completed a review of 2BE-PIX0510 Type "B" Water License 2008 Annual Report for the Pix Project. The NWB circulated the Report for information purposes only, on May 22, 2009. All associated documents related to this license posted on the NWB ftp site under 2BE-PIX were included in my review (see attached Technical Review Memo).

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4738 or by email at <a href="mailto:Andrea.Cull@inac.gc.ca">Andrea.Cull@inac.gc.ca</a>.

Yours truly,

Original Signed By

Andrea Cull Water Management Specialist

Cc: Kevin Buck – Water Resources Manager, INAC





## **Technical Review Memorandum**

**To:** Richard Dwyer – License Administrator, NWB

Peter Kusugak – Field Operations Manager, INAC Nicole Westcott – Stornoway Diamond Corporation

From: Andrea Cull – Water Management Specialist, INAC

Re: <u>2BE-PIX0510 – Annual Report, 2008 – Ashton Mining (Northwest</u> Territories) Ltd. – Pix Project

The 2008 Annual Report satisfactorily addressed the applicable requirements of Part B, Item 2 of the current water licence # 2BE-PIX0510. Most of the conditions under the water licence were not applicable this year as no water use or waste disposal was conducted under the authority of this license during the year of 2008. As such, it is expected that the licensee will provide all applicable information in their Annual Report for 2009. The water licence requires in Part B, Item 2 (i), a summary of water use and waste disposal activities and (ii) a list of unauthorized discharges and a summary of the follow-up actions taken.

This information has been forwarded to our Field Operations Unit

Cc: Kevin Buck – Water Resources Manager, INAC

