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RE: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF WATER LICENCE #NWB2ROC **(Drilling and Water Use on Rockinghorse Property)**

Please accept this letter as a formal request for an extension of the above short-term licence, which took effect on 01 March, 1997 and expired 01 May. The request is occasioned by unforeseen delays.

Monopros had intended that drilling begin in February, but due to drill-contractor commitments outside the Northwest Territories and logistical problems (for example, in getting the crew and drill rig on-site at the expected date), drilling actually did not commence until mid-March.

Water use under an extended #NWB2ROC would *not* differ from that originally authorised: namely, for core drilling on the Rockinghorse claims and for drinking water for staff and crew. Drilling of selected targets should be completed by mid-June.

However, as it now is anticipated that drilling of additional targets in fall, 1997 – and beyond – may be requested, I would respectfully ask that #NWB2ROC be extended from its original two months to a *full two years*, in line with land permits issued under the Canada Land Use Regulations. Monopros would advise the NWB in advance of additional drilling, and provide drill-site locations, once these are known. Board members can appreciate that time, weather, resources; surveying, sampling and assay results; environmental considerations and other variables impact directly on exploration programmes – making a two-year permit of considerable practical value for permitholders and for the Board itself.

Currently, Monopros holds the following permits respecting the Rockinghorse project: KIA Permit #N196C096 (valid from 09 October, 1996 - 09 October, 1998) and INAC Permit #N97C696 (valid from 05 March, 1997 - 04 March, 1999). Both authorise exploratory drilling.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this request, which is being sent to you at a delayed date due to the unfortunate circumstances of the fire at your office. Please contact me if you have any questions.



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