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Rita Becker Lands Administrator Nunavut Water Board Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NT XOE IJO

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

Please accept this letter as a request to extend the expiry date of the above licence, which date currently is set at 01 April, 2000.

The reason for the request for extension is that a renewal application has been filed and time is required in order to process this application. (New screening by the Nunavut Impact Review Board is not required, as the Rockinghorse Project already has been screened in connection with a Kitikmeot Inuit Association Land Use Licence).

I believe that a date of 01 May, 2000, would be a date suitable to the Nunavut Water Board.

I also respectfully bring to the Board's attention that a late-spring exploration programme is planned by Monopros on the Rockinghorse Property, and thus, from our perspective, time is critical due to weather, logistics and planning considerations, and, therefore, a prompt decision by the Board would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this extension request.

Shirley Pfister Lands and Government Relations