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Kugaaruk dÜ⁵√b Dionne Filiatrault Executive Director Nunavut Water Board P.O Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NT X0B 1J0

Re: 2BM-ULU0914 2011 Reclamation Cost Estimate

Via email: dionne@nunavutwaterboard.org and licensing@nunavutwaterboard.org

Dear Ms. Filiatrault:

On September 29, 2011, Jean Allen of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) sent an email request to Ida Porter of the Nunavut Water Board (NWB). AANDC requested an extension to the deadline of October 3, 2011 to provide AANDC's comments to the NWB on the "2011 Reclamation Cost Estimate" provided by Elgin Mining Inc. (Elgin) to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) in August 2011, in relation to the assignment of the water licence for the Ulu mine. AANDC requested an extension of two months (with a tentative due date of November 30, 2011) to allow AANDC to "...secure expert assistance to evaluate restoration costs for the Ulu Gold Project and segregate this cost into land and water related components since the project is located on Inuit Owned Lands."

On September 30, 2011, Elgin's legal counsel Jay King replied by email to the NWB in relation to AANDC's request. Mr. King indicated that the two month extension was acceptable to Elgin. The Kitikmeot Inuit Association (the KIA) also supports AANDC's extension for comments on Elgin's 2011 Reclamation Cost Estimate, to allow AANDC to conduct a security assessment.

The KIA also requests an extension of two months for the KIA to comment on Elgin's 2011 Reclamation Estimate. This would allow the KIA to consult with AANDC before the KIA makes its comments to the NWB. The KIA must be involved in AANDC's security assessment for the Ulu Gold Project since the Project is located entirely on Inuit Owned Lands (IOLs). The KIA feels that AANDC should consult with the KIA at an early stage of the AANDC's security assessment. The KIA is of the opinion that the security for the Ulu water licence should not be held by the Crown, as this does not adequately protect IOL, upon which the Ulu site is entirely located.



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Please advise the KIA as soon as possible if the KIA's extension request has been granted. The KIA would like to thank the NWB for the opportunity to comment on this file. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Luigi Torretti

Senior Environment Officer KIA Lands & Environment