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RE: NWB 2BM-ULU – Wolfden Resources Ltd. – Ulu Gold Project – Inspection and Follow-up Program Plan

On behalf of Environment Canada (EC), I have reviewed the information submitted with the above-mentioned application. The following specialist advice has been provided pursuant to Environment Canada's mandated responsibilities for the enforcement of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act*, Section 36(3) of the *Fisheries Act*, the *Migratory Birds Convention Act*, and the *Species at Risk Act*.

Wolfden Resources Ltd. has submitted a plan outlining the inspection and follow-up monitoring programs as required under Part D, Item 8 of the Ulu Project water license, NWB 2BM-ULU0008. Environment Canada is pleased to provide the following recommendations to the Nunavut Water Board for their consideration in reviewing this plan:

- The current plan provides a good understanding of the inspections that need to be undertaken, the frequency of those inspections, and the keys areas that should be examined during inspections. However, the plan does not seem to address the follow-up programs that would occur as a result of the inspection schedule. The only reference to follow-up actions is the introduction, where it is stated that "the inspections will allow Wolfden to correct any deficiencies or concerns relating to the structures based on sound engineering practice..." The plan would be more effective and fulfill the intent of the license condition if it included an overview of the corrective actions that would be initiated if the inspections indicated a concern with the earthworks.
- Environment Canada recommends that the Inspection Form for the Mine Sump include an assessment of the amount of freeboard remaining in the sump.

If there are any changes in the proposed plan, EC should be notified, as further review may be necessary. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or comments with regards to the foregoing at (867) 975-4639 or by email at colette.spagnuolo@ec.gc.ca.

Yours truly,

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