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Phyllis Beaulieu Licensing Administrator Nunavut Water Board P.O. Box 119 Gjoa Haven, NU, X0A 1J0

Re: Inspection and Follow-up Programs Plan - Ulu Mine - Wolfden Resources

On behalf of the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development (DIAND), I have reviewed the Inspection and Follow-up Programs Plan (*Plan*) submitted by Wolfden Resources with respect to the Ulu Mine site.

Section 1.0, Introduction, states the intent of the *Plan* is to provide NWB with a list of the existing earthwork structures at the Ulu mine site that will be inspected on a daily, weekly or monthly basis. Pages 6-14 of the *Plan* presents inspection sheets for numerous earthwork structures, however inspection frequency is not an inspection component. Thus, DIAND requests that the proponent either list the frequency of inspection on each sheet or provide an inspection schedule for all earthwork structures.

Part D, Item 9 of Nunavut Water Board Licence NWB1ULU0008 (*Licence*) states upon notification to the Board by the Licensee that operation at the site will resume, an inspection of the earthworks, geological regime, and the hydrological regime of the project is to be carried out annually. In addition to the *Plan*, which fulfills the earthworks portion of the above mentioned requirement, I have also reviewed the West Lake Hydrological Assessment, as required under Part C, Item 4 of the *Licence*. However, it is unclear if the West Lake Hydrological Assessment was also intended to encompass the abovementioned requirements for the hydrological regime of the project area. Since the West Lake Hydrological Assessment is a requirement under a different Section of the *Licence* it will not be interpreted as an inspection of the hydrological regime. DIAND expects to review information pertaining to the hydrological and geological regimes.

Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 975-4548 or by email at BathoryS@ainc-ianc.gc.ca.



Sincerely,

Original Signed By

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